May 8th Today I celebrate the birth day of Elizabeth and Catherine. not with feasting and mirth but with humiliation and prayer– while one is as I hope joining in the services of the redeemed above, and needs not my poor prayers, I would gratefully acknowledge the divine goodness in all that related to her birth her short but angelic life, her death, and the hopes concerning her which enter into eternity. The other, still a resident in this ensnaring world, with high responsibilities, encompassed with difficulties and danger, I bring to thee O my Father entreating thee to arouse her to a deep sense of her obligations and to furnish her abundantly to the great work put into her hands– and O most merciful God, help me so to perform my duties in the fleeting hours that remain to me that we all parents and children and children's children may at length serve thee perfectly and forever in heaven– for Jesus sake–

May 24th I have been earnestly imploring a blessing this day, upon my first– not the honours or the riches of this world, but durable riches and righteousness thy goodness has spared him hitherto, let it not be to harden him in his sins or estrange his heart from thee, but may the blessings so liberally given him, be receiv'd with that fervent gratitude, and that penitent believing heart which are peculiar to the followers of our blessed Saviour– may he and his dear family be made useful and holy and all at length be brought home to our Father's house–

May 31st Last monday the anniversary of the birthday of our departed Whiting and Frederic, I was in Northampton, consequently could not observe the occasion as I would have done had I been at home: but I would not on that account suffer it to pass unnoticed. I have therefore set apart this morning for the purpose, and would try to deepen by meditation and prayer ~~the~~ those impressions which the occasion ought to make upon my mind and heart– In recollecting the events of *his* birth and life, who was so early taken from us I find much to mourn over; I feel conscious that I erred exceedingly in my conduct toward him, and I know not how much of suffering he might have been spared, had I followed a different course with him. As it is, I ~~must~~ can only say God be merciful to me a sinner– I am thankful, that in all my errors, I was disposed to lead him to his heavenly Father,– and truly I can never sufficiently praise God for the hope which we are allowed to indulge that to die, for him was gain. For the other our dear Frederic, I would offer the most earnest prayers, frequent and constant– said he as he left us yesterday to return to his studies, "when you send a thought toward me in my absence, send a thought also to heaven for me." Yes we will– This day's humiliation and supplication is a witness, that he is not forgotten; a mother cannot forget she must pray for her children, but God is more compassionate and faithful than an earthly mother, he says she may forget, yet he will never forget the soul that trusts in him

July 12th 1838 - Yesterday was Theophilus' birth day - and I am endeavouring to carry my thoughts back to the time of his birth - goodness, and mercy have followed him and all of us - God in his providence has visited him with severe discipline in time past, but he has brought him thro' and placed him in circumstances of comparative ease; settled him in a habitation of his own, and surrounded him with comforts - but we are all in the enemy's country - and there are consideration which seem to me to operate in favour of my using this special occasion to supplicate a blessing upon him He now sustains a new relation, and he is unaccustomed to the duties which it imposes. What wisdom and goodness but thine O heavenly Father can guide him thro' the intricate and dangerous way. Our Divine master in the days of his humanity said to Peter Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat, but "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." And now I ask of thee that the intercession of Jesus Christ may avail to keep from his mind and heart all evil dispositions and to strengthen him with might in the inner man - always be near to him to guide comfort and strengthen him that we may at length

Form a family anew
Unbroken in the skies -

July 16th. This morning I am endeavouring to transact business with the great and eternal God - what condescension in the dread majesty of the Universe to invite and encourage sinful dust and ashes to approach him in humiliation and prayer - Praised be his name for this opportunity - and may his spirit help my infirmities William whose birthday I now celebrate, is in Illinois labouring as a missionary - and I entreat that he may fulfill his duties with singleness of heart, do not I beseech thee O God of grace and mercy suffer him to become worldly in his affections and estranged from thee his God - I would trust that the same power and goodness which restored him from the dangerous path of infidelity, and brought him as a devoted servant of Christ into the ministry will keep him even unto the end - Hear my prayer thro' the son of thy love, and answer this and all the requests which I am now about to offer to thee in his all prevailing name to whom with thy infinite majesty be glory & dominion now and ever more. —

July 12th yesterday was not forgotten as the birth day of our son Theophilus - our prayers were offered repeatedly for his advancement in holiness and preparation for heaven - the evening before, I spent a few moments with him and his wife and some observations were made which indicate in him a deep sense of religious truth- Blessed be God for this-. One thing have I desired of the Lord for him, that he might dwell in the house of the Lord forever- partake more largely of the spirit of Christ, and become more entirely transformed into his image- I have not words to express the gratitude I feel for the change which has taken place in his feelings within a few months - continue thy blessed influence upon his heart in future and make him and his wife more entirely thine.

I cannot believe that I omitted the observance of the 28th and yet I find no record of it.- the Lord forgive all my omissions, and accept all that is agreeable to thy will- within a few weeks I have been twice unwell so as to have a Physician- but soon found relief- the mercy of the Lord endureth forever.- O may thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

July 17th yesterday our dear William was 35- I remembered him, and besought for him more abundant influences of the Holy Spirit-- with the most heartfelt gratitude would I remember thy wonderful goodness in reclaiming him from his wanderings, & his unbelief, and in fixing deep in his heart the love of Christ- truly it is the Lords doing and it is marvellous in our eyes- I feel that I have no right to him; he is thine bought with a price; and I do indeed rejoice that thou hast inclined his heart to devote himself wholly to thee, may the dedication be entire acceptable and of great benefit to the souls of men. If thou shalt bring him home prepare us to profit by the interview- that we may be preparing by every event, to unite at length with the generall assembly ~~of the~~ and church of the first born - in the high and holy services of the heavenly state--

March 22d- Bethia's birthday found us plunged in anxiety and sickness- our dear Mary within a week of her departure. O solemn season! may I never forget it.- My own birth-day was begun with chills and fever, but was remembered with aspirations after spiritual blessings-

March 18- I observed in the usual manner by more earnest & particular prayers for him, both with regard to temporal and spiritual blessings- But O my heavenly Father, thou who searchest the heart, knowest that temporal favours are of small value in my estimation, compared with the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant- Be thou his portion O Father of mercies and all other things I leave to thee.

April 12th yesterday was our dear Mary's birthday, I endeavoured to look back upon past scenes, and in view of the multiplied blessings which have followed me and attended her even thro' her last sickness unto death I would ascribe thanksgiving and praise to him who doeth all things well- Considering her feeble constitution and her many infirm=ities I can say "it is well", & that a blessed meeting in heaven of all this family at length, may enable us to say thro' the ages of eternity "it is well."—

April 25th. Edward's birth day- observed as usual- not with the degree of abstinence which I have formerly used. The body so long doing servi[ce] is wearing out; but the spirit I trust is still "willing" and would serve its maker with intensity of zeal- When mortality is swallowed up of life, God is to us all in all, and our intercourse is only with the pure in heart, then we may hope to perform services acceptable to him who is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. My prayers have been uttered before him in behalf of this dear Son; weak indeed imperfect and inconstant- but yet for the best things, for spiritual communications, for the love of God and the comforts of the Holy Spirit, for the same mind which was in Christ Jesus; this comprehends every thing. For there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. I desire to express my grateful acknowledgements for the blessings which thou hast bestowed upon him ever since his birth; tho' thou has sent affliction upon him, with the rest of us, yet even this thou canst turn to his benefit, and I must hope that thou hast already done it. Hold him ever in thy hand and make him wholly thine.

May 8th With sorrow of heart I have humbled my self before God this day, on account of the many sins I have committed with regard to our dear C— so early removed. My sins ~~[illegible]~~ are a heavy burden they press upon my weary spirit; my earnest cry is God be merciful to me a sinner- lead my heart to those grateful reflections which shall give me beauty for ashes the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. I think I have shed tears of penitence under a sense of the evil propensities of my wicked heart- O that God in his mercy would change me, and help me to be more meek and lowly and heavenly minded- without this I can never enter the abodes of the redeemed, nor unite with my dear children, in the holy services of the pure in heart who see God. Thro' Jesus Christ, O Father do that for me which I shall never do for myself- My dear daughter in a strange land, I bring with fervent prayers to thee, imploring for her those holy influences which shall make up the deficiency of outward means and ordinances. Thou has put into her hands a great work help her by thy mighty power to do it faithfully that she may at length stand before thee and say with joy Lord here am I and the children thou hast given me.

May 25th yesterday was 38 years since our dear Son Charles was brought into this sinful world- and may I not call God to witness that I have day and night implored for him the Spirit of Christ- that he might by thy grace be guided into the way of peace and holiness- I thank thee for the progress he has made in spiritual attainments, and for the outward blessings thou has given him. Still would I plead for him his dear wife and the dear children. Mourning over my neglect of duty I sue for more grace in time to come, and that we may all be fitted here for the holy services of heaven- ~~yesterday~~ O my Father let not the temporal favours thou givest them alienate their hearts from thee, But having their sins forgiven and their souls renewed may they be increasing in true zeal to the end of life-

July 28th 1838. This is the anniversary of our beloved Whiting's death and I have been endeavouring to humble myself before God in view of the events which this day is calculated to call to mind. I have besought his blessing to enable me to profit by all the trials which I have been called to suffer. I would praise God that he stood near him in the last extrem- and did not suffer his faith to fail as long as consciousness continued. ~~him~~ — O that I in the last struggle of dissolving nature may be thus supported — that I may not bring reproach upon the cause which I have ever endeavoured to support and advance. The mortal blow has been deferred; six years have we been permitted to remain unharmed by the king of terrors. tho many of our acquaintance and friends have drank the bitter cup we have been spared — Father of mercies let not thy forbearance harden us in our forgetfulness of thee — I implore at this time that thou wilt not suffer any of the members and branches of this family to die unprepared — but may we all stand ready and may our end be peace and our eternity blessed thro' Jesus our suffering dying risen exalted and interceding Saviour to whom and thy self be glory dominion thanksgiving and praise forever.

August 16th On account of company yesterday I deferred observing this anniversary as I wished to do, till today. I love to improve these seasons, when God has come near to us in times past by his particular providence, to implore of him his presence and blessing and a sanctified improvement of all the visitations of his hand. I have been reading over this morning the writings which our dear Catherine left, and some of the sorrowful effusions of her kindred and friends. I would not forget her; I would gladly cherish her memory, and while I weep over the memory of her sufferings, I would raise the voice of gratitude and swell the song of triumph — Yea Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who of his abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead:- tho' in the pangs of separation the heart was ready to break, yet afterward when the storm has subsided, the light, above the brightness of the firmament shines forth — and tho' we mourn, mourn not without hope — The promises and hopes inspired by our great master, the Author and finisher of our faith are delightful and ravishing — may the spirit of God the author of all good influence, confirm and strengthen our feeble faith, support our tottering steps, even till we reach the brink of Jordan, and then help us with grateful joy to pass over and join the company of the redeemed among which we hope to find the loved and lost — never more to mourn over the ravages of sin and death, nor to fear a separation. —

~~Feb. 4th 1839 It is sixty years since my mortal existence began~~
~~What a long catalogue of follies and failings — and how few of~~

Oct. 7th. Yet another birthday calls for my grateful acknowledgement to our dear Bethia thirty three years ago, was brought into this state of trial; and hitherto the dealings of God have been merciful, both to her and to us all. I would recollect the circumstances of her birth, the quietness of her temper when a child, and the mildness and benevolence which have marked her growing years. The health of her body, and the purity of her heart. O Father receive her whole spirit and soul and body, & make her wholly and forever thine. may her remaining life be a continual and an acceptable sacrifice to thee, and when our days here ~~alle~~ all completed, may we all meet again in thy holy and blessed kingdom to serve thee and love thee and all the good thro' the endless ages of eternity. Thro' Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and praise forever.

Feb. 4th 1839 — Sixty years are numbered and finished since I first drew breath. The follies and frailties which have marked their progress, it is impossible for me to reckon up or even to remember. The thought is a solemn one, that they are all in the light of God's countenance, and it is hardly less solemn to reflect, that when these spirits shall become freed from the incumbrance of mortality ~~they~~ ~~will~~ have a clear recollection of all that ~~they~~ have known ~~and done in this~~ probationary state. Under a sense tho' a feeble sense of these truths, I lift up my heart to Him who beholds with compassion his erring children and is ever ready to hear the prayer of the humble. The last year has been marked with peculiar blessings, health and tranquility have generally been our portion, and the comforts of life have been dispensed to us according to our need. but have I rendered to the Lord, in any degree the love and service which are his due? Truly I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face before him. How many good resolutions broken, how many opportunities of speaking and acting for his glory have I neglected! — I have rested too much in the enjoyment of of this gift, and been too unmindful of the Giver— Should he spare my life another year, have I any reason to think that my time would be any better employed!— From past experience I find only cause for sorrow; yet will I look again to thy Holy Hill. Forgetting the things which are behind I would, by divine assistance press forward to those which are before. And relying upon that grace which is promised as sufficient, I hope at length to be accepted in him who hath loved us and given himself for us. I do in the most earnest manner, beseech the Father of mercies to help me this year, and thro' the rest of my life, to be more prayerful, watchful, zealous, humble, devout, kind, self denying and obedient, that Christ may be manifest in all my deportment, and that whether I live I may live to the Lord and whether I die I may die to the Lord.

March 18th 1839— Since the last birthday of Theodore, his prospects have changed, & his wishes been disappointed— For this I do not grieve— with earnest prayer I committed the whole concern to my Heavenly Father. and I believe he has so ordered the events that have transpired, as to promote the best interests of this dear child— does he ever afflict willingly or grieve the children of men?— does he refuse to hear the prayers of his children when they ask for his spirit?— I would look back upon the interval which has passed since his birth, and the circumstances which attended that event with grateful emotions, and continue my most fervent prayer, that he may ever be the object of thy kind regard.— I do not ask for him wealth or fame, or worldly pleasure; but that he may a servant of Jesus Christ, faithful humble—prayerful— devoted to thy fear and happy in thy favor— thro' life death and eternity.— In the name of thy beloved son, O hear and answer

April 11th On this day my thoughts have been employed in looking over the gracious dealings of my heavenly Father— When I awoke my first desires were for her whose birth day this is— I besought the Lord that he would give her not the pleasures of time, but the substantial treasures of eternity— ~~And~~ I do now at the close of this day, desire again to intercede for her— Soon my earthly course will be finished, and my work here done— I do desire to omit nothing that may in any way promote the eternal happiness of the children who have been given me— Her spirit is lodged in a tenement singularly disposed to ailments; may all these infirmities be made by thy grace the means of helping her in her preparation for the heavenly rest— wilt thou stand near her— dwell in her by thy spirit and fit us all to serve thee in thy kingdom

April 25th The anniversary of Edward's birth— With true sorrow and shame for all my neglect of duty, and all my errors and faults which I have committed against thee O my Father, and against the best interests of this dear son, I approach thee this day to implore thy pardon, and thine acceptance— No arm but thine which is Almighty could have formed his intelligent nature united to this mortal body— thou didst give him a healthful body, and a mind capable of knowing thee and serving thee and amidst all his discouragements, thou hast sustained him and preserved to him a thirst for knowledge— and a desire after excellence— for these blessings I would ever bless and praise thee. Under the burdens which press upon his mind, I ask that thou wilt give him strength wisdom and patience, that he faint not.— I give him up cheerfully as I ever have done to thee O my covenant keeping God; he is thine devoted in infancy, and ever since daily to thy care and blessing— watch over him guide all his plans, forgive, and sanctify him throughout in spirit soul and body, that we may at length all unite in the song of the redeemed, in heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Lord

May 9th Yesterday was the birth day of Mrs. F— and our dear departed Catherine. may I never forget her lovely character, but cherishing its memory may I be enabled to imitate her example in all that was excellent— for particular reasons I defered the observance of this day may it now be acceptable, and profitable to myself thro' the intercession of our great and prevalent Intercessor. I have been looking back upon some of the scenes thro' which my heavenly Father has carried me, the distress and anguish which he has relieved— the joy and comfort which he has imparted to me— the spiritual darkness which he has dispelled and the hope of heaven which he has restored, hope not only for myself but for all who are dear to me— my chief desire and request before thee O God of mercy at this time is that I may be more spiritual, devout— pure, humble that I may grow in goodness, and in conformity thy blessed will, ~~&~~ O God of all grace prepare us all to be united in thy service, and in thy kingdom where there shall be no sin and no separation.—

May 25th Since I last kept this anniversary (which ought to have been observed yesterday, but on account of company was defered) our heavenly Father has spoken to this child in accents which ought to have made a deep and lasting impression. His wife has been brot near to death— and it seems like a miracle that she was restored— During her sickness the great and the one thing that I asked for, was that she and her husband might be suitably impressed by it with a sense of the uncertainty of life, and the necessity of being ever ready for thy will— that they might so realize their obligation as to be in actual and habitual readiness for their departure.— and this is now my request, that their attachment to things earthly may be lessened— and their hearts more filled with heavenly thots and desires, that they may be assisted to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord— teaching them all things whatsoever thou hast commanded—

Oct. 15th 1838. Monday. Five weeks ago I was distressed for Helen, threatened with a rapid decline. Now we have great reason to hope the disease is removed. Truly "the Lord can clear the darkest skies" and in this case it seems like a miracle. What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits? O that he would enable me to make some suitable return. But instead of this I must come to him for new favours. Now my request is that we may all of ~~us~~ be more deeply impressed with a sense of our obligations, and be assisted to serve thee better than we have ever yet done. Even this we cannot do without thy help. Help us O Father, and may we be more entirely thine. Yesterday Mr. Colman preached in the morning from the parable of the sower. And some fell on good ground &c. the great preparation for a religious life is seriousness. In the afternoon. Get wisdom and with all thy gettings get understanding. Last tuesday Mrs. Doct. Porter, and her sister Dolly W. drank tea with us. the same time Charles and Bethia call to get some butter. Thursday Cattle show Theodore Eliza and Mary went to the concert in the evening. Friday the men went over again. Mr. Colman delivered an address before the Society.

October 23d. Tuesday. Last wednesday we all excepting Theodore, and Frank went over to Miss Dwight's examination. Frederic was there and Clapp, and they came over here, and took tea. Mary stayed over to accommodate Mrs. Fisher who went Friday with her husband, Elizabeth and George to Boston, expecting to visit Franklin &c. be gone a fortnight. Since that I have been without help - ~~excepting~~ and have been strengthened according to my day. The time draws near when we may for Bethia to return. At a moments notice she left us eight weeks ago - and has remained with Charles's family ever since. Doing the duties of a mother to those dear little children. And now wonderful indeed it is! now we are daily expecting Helen back from Boston, where she went for her health, restored to health, and able to perform the duties of her station. My earnest prayer is that she and her husband may ~~by~~ this visitation, be led to a more solemn sense of their duties. May they from this time forth turn their backs upon the vanities of the world and live as those should, who are seeking for themselves and their children a better country even an heavenly. O Father hear my earnest prayer in their behalf - for Jesus sake. - We all went to N- on the sabbath. Mr Stearns preached. Frederic came home saturday. there are many cases of fever in Amherst, and among the students. May God prevent its spreading, heal the sick, and prepare all for thy will. Lyman Smith's wife is buried today - Almighty Father spare thy people sanctify the dealings of thine hand every where and let thy kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour to whom ~~be~~ glory honour praise and power forever amen

Oct. 29th Monday - We all heard our dear minister again yesterday in the morning from these words Quench not the Spirit. very solemn shewing the different ways in which

in which this may be done and the great danger attending it. In the afterno
from these words — what is a man advantaged if he gain the whole world, if
he lose himself or be cast away. Helen came home saturday night, quite
well and Bethia returned with us yesterday. Bless the Lord O my soul. I
must again beg of thee O heavenly Father to make an impression
deep and lasting upon her mind and the mind of her husband, cause
them to enquire with earnestness, what they shall render to the Lord for
all his benefits. and may it be the fixed purpose of their lives to
do thy will and promote thy kingdom. Blessed be thy name for thy
mercies to us all. help us to follow those who thro' faith and patience
are inheriting the promises. thro Jesus our great Redeemer.

Nov. 18th At home today. Theophilus has been here reading Bible News. Mrs Lyon
has forbidden Eliza's reading it. We had letters last week from Edward &
William. fresh instances of the goodness of God to us and ours. and yet what
do I to express my gratitude? I feel like a poor useless instrument
which is soon to be laid aside. but what do I say? O no, not laid
aside I trust. This body truly must decay and dissolve, but this spir
is immortal. and its great Author has given it such powers and su
affections and desires, as prove it to be of divine Original. these aspi
-rations are good evidence that it is united to Jesus as the branch i
one with the vine, and Christ says because I live ye shall live.
Will the soul that hungers and thirsts for righteousness, that repents of
and hates sin, be finally seperated unto all evil? Surely not. t
imperfect and erring. exposed to evil, and under the frailties of humanit
struggling thro' this wilderness. still our Father has his eye upon us
and will bring us off at length as conquerors thro' his beloved Son.
Yesterday Charles brought his wife and children to see us. dined with us an
went back before tea. Helen is quite well excepting a pain in h
side. the Lord remove it if it may be. but above all things by thy dis
-cipline towards her may she and her husband learn heavenly wisdom
and become more pure spiritual. more indifferent to this world, a
better qualified to ~~set them~~ do their duty to their children, and
to join at length the great company of the redeemed above, whe
may we all at length come, to ascribe honour and glory and
power and dominion to him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lam

Dec. 3d. Saturday evening. Last sabbath was so cold I had no opportunity for
writing. Thursday was thanksgiving, and we had a general meeting
of the family; Edward came the night before. only William among
our living children was absent, and all the grand children ex
-cepting Charles's youngest were here. I hope the day was not
wholly misspent. B. M. and I stayed at home to prepare.
It is hardly probable we shall ever all of us be together in this

1838 world again, God grant us a happy meeting in heaven with each other and our dear departed children and friends. Before they left us, we sung some appropriate pieces, and united our thanksgivings before the throne of the great Father of our mercies The care and labour and bustle of the day was hardly in ac=cordance with the occasion. This "being cumbered with much serving" greatly hinders spirituality of mind and heavenly thots We thot it a duty, as Mr. Fisher's family expect to go to Europe in the spring, to make an effort and have them all together. The Lord forgive all that was amiss in any of us. I think I can truly say that I was not without some grateful emotions for which I would bless him who is the author of all good influences - The mercies of the past year like those of for=mer years cannot be reckoned up - our lives unprofitable as they have been are still spared - and excepting in Helen's case we have hardly felt anxiety for the life of friends - we have en=joyed health and ease of body and tranquility of mind - our tempo=ral wants have been supplied, and the year is truly crowned with the Divine goodness - Edward from being in a condition of privation and peril, is now in a situation comparatively pleasant, and we hope profitable, where we can often see him, and oftener hear from him. In view of all thy goodness O Father, I come to consecrate the little of life that remains afresh to thy service employ me ~~xx~~ in thy blessed service if it may be thy will, and prepare me and all mine, to serve thee acceptably here that we may all meet and enjoy thee forever in heaven thro' Jesus our great Mediator, to whom be ascribed the glory and praise forever —. yesterday morning Mr. H - Theo=ophilus, his wife and Mary left us to go to Abington. and Edward returned to Batesville. –

Dec. 9th Sabbath evening - Our minister, from these words, we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear but the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba Father –

We all attended meeting at N - excepting Mr. H - who has something of the Erysipelas - The sermon in the morning was upon regarding God as our Father - in the afternoon - upon using

the world as not abusing it. I went to Charles at noon, all
well—. We left Phebe home, having agreed to take her off
their hands. I pray that this arrangement may be for our
benefit all around. Our friends returned from A—n on
Wednesday — having an agreeable and prosperous journey—
Thursday we invited company — Col. Porter and wife, Mr.
Hitchcock, Benjamin Porter, and Giles Smith with their
wives also Mrs. Lyon—. Friday we were invited to drink tea
at Charles; had a very agreeable visit—. We had a letter last
week from William — he speaks of coming back this winter—
I have been too much occupied to day with worldly concerns—
But I hope to do better — possibly I may have more leisure
if I do God grant that I may be more faithful to my own
spiritual interests — and to do my duty with kindness to all
around me — furnish me I beseech thee to the great duties of
life and may I be growing in conformity to our blessed Lord
I entreat for all the branches of this family, that there
may not be one wanting, when thou shalt make up thy
jewels — extend the knowledge of thy truth, and grant that
peace and righteousness may universally prevail, thro'
Jesus Christ our Saviour—

Dec. 16th We have been carried thro' another week, and our lives and health
and comfort for the most of the time have been preserved — true I
have had real sorrow of heart, and have shed ~~the~~ tears of grief, in
view of some events which transpired during the past week; in
such cases, the only relief is found in pouring out the anguish
of our souls before the mercy-seat, in casting our cares
upon him who careth for us. But it is trying, it is discouraging
to our weak faith to find our hopes blasted. When for
years we have been looking and longing for some spiritual
blessing for ourselves or our dear friends, when we have fasted
and prayed and wept before our heavenly Father, for this very
purpose, and when from the events of divine providence, we
have been led to expect an answer of peace; then to see our hopes
blasted, deferr'd at least, "O it is hard to say thy will be done". We
are almost tempted to ask "is his mercy clean gone forever?" ~~[illegible]~~
These however are the suggestions of unbelief. Our great Master

has told us that "God is more ready to give his spirit to them that ask him than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children" Encouraged by this assurance which comes from him who was truth itself, I will endeavour to hold on my weary way - tho' faint yet pursuing. If thou O Father hast any thing for me to do in this work, show me what it is, and help me to do it. Thou who knowest all things, knowest that I esteem it the greatest honour and privilege to promote thy kingdom, and to lead those around me and dear to me to an acquaintance with thee and ~~their~~ duty; and though the good that I would I do not, and the evil that I would not that I do, I desire still to wait and pray, and hope even, discouraging as prospects may appear. -

Last tuesday we drank tea at Theophilus', with Mr. and Mrs Stearns Mrs. Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Blake. - The next day they invited their young friends. - Yesterday Frederic came home, and Edward in the evening - Mr. H- Edward Bethia Mary and Frederic have gone to N- the rest of us are at home. Mary expects to stay three or four weeks. The Lord keep her from the follies and vanities of the world. or rather keep her from being ensnared by them. Help her to realise that the pleasures of sensual and worldly ~~objects~~ unfit the soul for communion with its pure and Holy Author. May she often ask herself what course of conduct in her, will meet the approbation of her dear departed sister, and above all of her Saviour and her judge - O Father I now commit myself and all mine for time and for eternity into thy all mighty and all merciful hand, thro' the intercession of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. - amen.

Dec. 29th Saturday evening - Another year is fast drawing to a close, and what is the record which it bears to judgment? Health strength faculties, time, opportunities for doing good, all bear testimony, for or against me. Solemn thought! To strict obedience and fidelity I have no claim - the desire after it, the hunger and thirst for holiness, the sorrow for many failings and imperfections the supreme regard to God and heavenly things, and the comparative contempt of worldly enjoyments, these are my evidences for admission to the glorious company of the redeemed. A week ago last wednesday Mrs. Brown was carried to the grave. Doct. Humphrey preached a sermon on the occasion, from the words we see in part &c now we see thro a glass darkly &c

Mr. H. and I attended— mingled our tears with those of the mourners, dropt a tear over the graves of our lov'd, and departed children, and rejoiced to believe that while the grave contains the corruptible; the spiritual, the immortale, is beyond the reach of death and sin. Transporting tho't! To be ever with the Lord.— Bethia spent two or three days of that week in Northampton. Doct. Tuckerman was here also from Boston.— Friday Mrs Judge Lyman, Mrs. Whitmarsh, Mrs. Fisher and her husband and children called—. Sabbath day I carried to Mary the effusion of my full heart on the subject of amusement The burden lies like a weight in my bosom. I bring it day & night to him, who hears the young ravens when they cry. and who has ever shewn himself a God who heareth prayer. During the present week S. C. Tuckerman has spent two or three days here.— Notwithstanding all my barrenness, and deficiency in duty, his mercy faileth not— The dying year, bears witness to his long suffering to his boundless goodness. The earnest desire of my heart is that his kingdom may come in my heart, in the hearts of my children and family and extend thro'out the world thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.—

Jan. 12th Though I have made no record of the thoughts of my heart at the beginning of this year, yet I was not ~~then~~ unmindful of its approach, nor insensible to my obligations on this occasion I have so long been used to bring all my concerns to the ear of sovereign grace, that it would be strange to pass from one year to another, without solemn thanks and earnest prayer The second day of Jan. Mr Thenn and wife Mr George Hibbard and wife & Theophilus and his wife and her mother drank tea here. Last Tuesday evening Frederic came home for the vacation. Next evening Mary came home, and stayed till this afternoon. Thursday Frederic and I went to ~~M~~ Mr. Up=thorp was here. Yesterday Theophilus and Eliza took me to Whately, we dined at Mr. Wells and drank tea with aunt Dickinson. In reviewing the last year we find that goodness and mercy have followed us abundantly; our lives and health and limbs have been preserved and we have our wants so supplied that we are in a state of tranquility, and ease.

How gladly would I hope to spend this year more entirely in the service of my great master. But from the experience of past years, I am fearful as to the result - O when shall the contest end and the victory be won? - Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life - In this promise, is included that rest from the struggle with sin, which in this life none can perfectly enjoy. The hope of this rest is indeed an anchor of the soul, sure and stedfast - and is sufficient to bear us up under every discouragement and suffering. Lord increase our faith. -

Jan. 20th - Last sabbath we staid at home excepting Theodore and Frederic - who ~~went~~ walked to N- - Monday I drank tea at Theophilus's - the saturday before he cut off part of his thumb, which occasioned him some pain, but it is now doing well, the piece seems to be growing on - we have reason to be thankful it was no worse. Wednesday Helen came over and staid till thursday night - drank tea with us & lodged here and dined at Theophilus's - Bethia and Frederic went over when she was carried home, and Frederic stay'd till saturday morning. Friday Edward came up and stayed three or four hours - he came to Northampton last night and we saw him there today. - Mr Stearns preached in the morning from 2d Corin. 5th 21 - he became sin for us &c - this afternoon from Proverbs, Ponder the path of thy feet, let all thy ways be established. - As I am now to return to my kitchen services, I pray that the quiet of being alone, may be improved by me to contemplate heavenly objects. - May the child who occupied so much of my thots and who is now gone, be the care of our heavenly Father - I pray that she may find a home and friends and religious instruction - which will be more beneficial to her than it would have been to remain here. I commit her to thee O my Father - make us all more devoted to thee, and better prepared for our final account. May the gospel have free course ~~here~~ and be glorified and the kingdoms of this world speedily become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. -

Feb. 4th - Yesterday we all attended worship at N- - and joined in celebrating the love of Christ in the ordinance of the supper. O that these seasons of communion may be the means of preparing us for the pure and holy services of his heavenly kingdom. Caroline Phelps spent a day or two here last week, and I was able to suggest some serious hints - The Lord accept and bless.

Some things were brot forcibly to my mind yesterday as what I ought to do; if it is my duty, I pray that I may be still more inclined, and enabled to carry into execution these purposes.— I am ashamed of my past inactivity. May the Holy Spirit help my infirmities and make every duty plain and easy.— I sometimes think I would gladly be active in the service of Jesus Christ— but while I am so remiss and so indifferent with regard to what I know to be duty, how can I expect to be employed in new and higher services? This sluggish life will not last always; there is a state in which all are active, and vigorous, there is no night there, consequently there is no sleep, no need of refreshment for wearied nature. They rest not day nor night; ~~[illegible]~~ The labours of heaven produce no fatigue, but prepare for further exertion, and higher enjoyment. And shall we who are grovelling among the objects of time and sense, ever arrive at this blessedness? shall we be permitted to unite with that great company in their pure and exalted worship? Shall we again behold our departed children, clothed in the vestments of immortality, which have been made white in the blood of the Lamb? O my soul remember the condition. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.— Lord help thy feeble child to do and bear all thy will.—

Feb. 10. 1839 The family are all gone to N—n and I am alone— yet not alone. It is a most cheering thought, that God our Father is ever present; this makes all places pleasant, and all labours light. The darkness and the light are both alike to him. In solitude or in society, with his enlivening presence, and favour, we must be happy. Mary has been quite unwell the week past, but is much better. Tuesday Bethia went to N—n with Theophilus, instead of Mary who was too unwell to go. These infirmities to which she is so subject, if rightly improved, may be the means of great ~~improvement~~ advancement in religion. May the Spirit of God assist her to make this use of them. Another week has passed away— no distressing event has taken place. sorrow may have endured for the night but joy has come again in the morning. Even so, after the pains and fears of dissolution we shall awake to so supplied that we are joy and peace in the morning of the resurrection.

Blest hour when virtuous friends shall meet,
Shall meet to part no more,
And with celestial welcome greet,
On an immortal shore!

These blessed hopes we owe to Jesus, our great Master, teacher, Guide, and Intercessor, our sacrifice, who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, and gave his life a ransom for many. O how poor the returns I make for such favours!- Rouse me O thou Divine Spirit the Comforter, and cause me to be something better than the barren figtree. Some good desires arise in my mind. Let them not be unheeded or lost. Kindle to a flame the smoking flax- and let me be assisted to devote more faithfully to thy service these feeble powers, which thou hast so kindly preserved.- May this sabbath witness many a poor sinner coming to Jesus, and many a devoted child of God, making progress in Holiness. O my children I can never cease to pray for them. Into thine hands, O Father I commit them, soul and body for time and eternity.

March 3d A week ago Theodore and I went to N— also Theophilus & Eliza. Mr H. B. and Mary went half the day to North Hadley Tuesday Mr. H. and Mary went to N— Mary intended to bring home her things and not return there to stay, but Charles persuaded his father to advise her to complete her visit- Thursday Theodore carried her over. We are now reduced to four of us.- There is a proposal from Mrs. Fisher that they shall all come here to board in April, when Mr F. goes to Oswego, and remain till a short time before they leave for Europe. I pray that our circumstances may be arranged by that kind Providence which has ever watched over us for good- and that no burden may be laid upon us which divine grace shall not help us suitably and cheerfully to bear. Last thursday was set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for the Colleges throughout the country- I endeavoured to unite in my thoughts and desires though not personally present- may a blessing follow- the blessing of charity forbearance and Christian fellowship. Again I seek a blessing for my dear family in all its branches- that all may be included in the covenant, brought into the fold of Christ children and grandchildren- even to the latest posterity. May a blessing attend the preaching of the gospel every where may war and slavery and vice of every kind cease- and may Jesus the Prince of Peace rule among the nations, and become King of nations as he now is King of saints to the glory of God the Father.

March 17th Sabbath - We attended worship at N—n Mr Stearns preached for the morning from Micah - 2d - Arise ye and depart, for this is not your rest. He showed from a great number of particulars, that the soul cannot rest here - first it is immortal - and can never be satisfied with transitory objects -. The evils to which we are here subject make it certain that we cannot find lasting peace here. In the afternoon the text was in Romans 2d - It is the power of God to salvation &c— - we mourn that our beloved minister is soon to leave us. But God who is able even of stones to raise up children to Abraham - can send us a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit - to him may all his praying children turn in this trying time of our need - and may we yet be a people saved of the Lord - we have not rendered to thee O God according to thy benefits, we feel that if thou shouldst deal with us according to our neglect of thee, thou mightest justly remove our candlestick out of its place - But we would believe that thou delightest in mercy - For ten righteous thou wouldst have saved a devoted city O righteous Father, are there not some among us who cry unto thee day and night in this time of our need - O increase this number I pray thee, and make them more earnest in their supplications - that we may in time to come do more for the advancement of thy cause and the name of Jesus

April 8th Monday afternoon - Last week Tuesday Mr. H- went with me to N—n dined and drank tea at Charles - called to take leave of Mr. Stearns & wife also at Judge Lyman's, Mrs. Christopher Clarke's, and old Mrs. Cis - Wednesday Mary spent the day with Mrs. Tuckerman. Bethia went down in the afternoon to make calls with Mary - Theodore returned from his journey to Philadelphia Tuesday - Thursday Mr H. went with me to Amherst - saw Hewit at Frederic's room, and was much impressed in his favour. Drank tea with Mrs. Parsons at Mrs. Washburn's - Yesterday Mr H- preached at N— in the morning - a Christian from Pennsylvania in the afternoon heard that Mrs. Jonathan Lyman died Saturday night - very suddenly may it awaken and solemnize the minds of her children and all the friends - and may our son and daughter, so near and intimate lay it to heart - and learn heavenly wisdom - O divine Spirit make this event the means of teaching them their own frailty, that they may more diligently prepare for their own departure - Fanny came home with us -. I have felt of late much sorrow on account of Edward's affairs - but in God will I trust - he alone can help us - and to him do I raise my voice and my heart that we may be delivered out of these perplexities - and be enabled to leave the world in peace - thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen -

April 14th 1839 - The week past has been crowned with the divine goodness, which is more observable, because my own mind has not been so free as usual in the exercise of benevolent feelings - I have been too much under the influence of unholy motives - selfish unkind. - Heavenly Father help me to learn of him who was meek and lowly in heart - give me grace and strength to return good for evil, and if others treat me with injustice, to be willing to suffer, rather than indulge a vindictive spirit - let not the pressure of worldly straits, weaken my trust in thee or oppress my fainting hope - as outward supports seem to be giving way, may I look more steadily to the heavenly country - and be willing to resign the perishing things of time, in exchange for the substantial blessings of the heavenly inheritance - today Mr H was requested to preach at N-n - but he felt somewhat indisposed, and besides it has been storming, and the weather is quite cold - Frederic came home yesterday - and we all stay at home - may not this sabbath be wholly lost to any of us. - May the blessing of God attend all the means of grace, and Jesus become King of nations as he is King of sts-

April 21st Mrs. Fisher and her family have taken up their residence here - and intend to stay till they leave the country for Europe - Thursday morning Helen and Eunice Phelps came to make us a visit - expect to leave us tomorrow morning - Frederic came home friday night and Edward this morning - We all attended worship at N- Mr Huntington preached in the morning from these words All these things are against me - this afternoon, Be not weary in well doing - we went to Charles' at noon found all well - Mary - Francis, Fisher and George are all troubled with nausea and head ache - May a blessing rest upon the word preached every where - may all my family and all that I love be blessed with spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ Jesus - may our sins be pardoned and all of us fitted to live and die and serve thee forever. thro' Jesus Christ our Saviour

April 28th We have all of our family excepting B- who staid with Mrs. Blake, been to N- Mr. H- preached - went to Charles' at noon - Mr Fisher and his family all staid at home on account of Mrs. Fisher's having been hurt by the oversetting of the wagon yesterday - we hope she is getting better - we have been carried thro the labours of the past week comfortably - our health has been preserved and ~~and~~ our strength proportioned to our day - Our Father who has sustained us hitherto will not forsake us if we trust in him - he can proportion our labours to our capacities and can give us all supplies of assistance and strength and patience which shall enable us to honour him - In this hope and confidence I commit to thee O my Father thro' the intercession of thy beloved Son myself my family my friends - the church of Christ and the world of mankind now and forever -

May 5th Theodore and Mary staid at home with Mrs Fisher and o
some of the children - the rest of us went to N. Mr H preached from
Isaiah 21st 11th watchman what of the night - &c in the afternoon
In thy light shall we see light - the prevailing sins of the tim
were brot into view - and condemned - also the encouragement to chris-
tian exertion and fidelity - but it is to be feared that the time
has come when people will not bear sound doctrine - however
they have heard the truth, and he whose truth it is, can
make it penetrate the heart, and reform the life - so let
it be, for Jesus sake - went to Charles; at noon found all
well - Frederic came home tuesday night, having had the
first appointment - O Father let him not be lifted up
with vanity and self conceit but preserve in him that true
humility which is so essential to the christian character - thursday
Mrs F - Frederic Mary and I went to N. - Friday Ann Clapp
came here and staid till saturday after dinner - Mary and Ro=
zline P - visited at Martha's - another week bears witness to
the mercy of our heavenly Father, may we learn in what
soever we do in thought word or deed to do all in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God even the Father
by him -

May 12th Today all our family excepting Mr. H - went to N. heard
Mr. Barrett all day upon repentance - Mark 1st 15th repent ye
and believe the gospel - he seems to be a sincere and earnest
preacher of the truth - the Lord bless his labours and make them
useful to save souls - - went to Charles. At noon all well
may they and we learn to repent heartily and believe the
gospel - and do works meet for repentance! - help us, O Fath
to explore the secrets of our hearts and exclude all that is
offensive to thee, that thy Holy Spirit may inhabit
there - guide guard and bless us this week - may we
have wisdom according to our need - allways act under
the influence of true christian love - and wilt thou o
pen the path of duty for us that we may walk safely
and surely - grant success to the labours of thy servan
every where so that Jesus may have the heathen for
his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth
for his possession. —

May 19th went to church at N. Bethia staid at home with the children - Mr Barret
preached from Matthew 10th 26 - fear ~~thee~~ them ~~ye~~ not therefore, for there is
nothing covered that shall not be revealed &c. Rather too much of

Swedenborgianism — a fine voice beautiful pronunciation easy in his manner, but wanting in solemnity — we want in preaching something to make us serious, to make us feel not only that we are sinners but that our heavenly Father is ready to forgive, we need the invitation of our blessed Lord frequently repeated to us, come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest — ; Father of mercies leave us not, return unto us and give us a pastor after thine own heart, to lead us to a more intimate acquaintance with thee and thy son, with ourselves and the way to happiness and heaven — Last monday Edwin went to Princeton and brought Elizabeth Fisher home wednesday —

May 26th our family all went to N— and heard Mr. Barrett in the morning from Matthew 11th — Come unto me &c — the very text which last sabbath I thought should be often repeated by our religious teachers — and it was well explained and enforced. This afternoon Romans 8th. If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his. A most interesting and instructive discourse — we have probably heard him for the last time — tho' many admire his eloquence, love him for his goodness and approve in general of his sentiments there seems to be a fear lest some erroneous opinions are held by him, or that he is wanting in prudence and good judgment — There is something solemn in the thought of parting with those whose teaching or society we have become interested in — and I had a feeling as he closed public worship which was hushed only by the belief that he who spoke to us and we who heard, were under the guidance and protection of Infinite wisdom and goodness — and with this thought I endeavoured to give up all anxiety — how often do we find ourselves in circumstances which require this confidence, where our only rest is in casting our cares upon him who careth for us. O for the influences of the Divine Spirit to make the truth effectual to the salvation of souls — ~~Went to~~ Charles & Emily quite unwell — may it be good for their souls — and all things promote their final happiness — thro' Jesus Christ —

June 2d — Mrs. F. and all our family went to hear Mr. Hall, who preached this morning from John, I have glorified thee in the earth I have finished the work thou thou gavest me to do. So ought every follower of Jesus to be able to say — and every one can do it — our heavenly Father never places us in circumstances in which we cannot glorify him — this therefore should be the one great object of life, to finish our work and glorify God — This afternoon the text was in Phillippians 2d chapter If there be any consolation in Christ if any fellowship of the spirit any comfort of love &c — on Christian communion or spiritual conversation among the friends of the Redeemer a very solemn sermon — O how I long to have my children feel the subject — how desirable that while in health kind parents, neighbours should commune with each other upon those subjects which in the hour of separation will appear to us of all others most interesting and important May the Spirit of God impress deeply the solemn truths this day delivered, that many may become new creatures in Christ Jesus. —

June 9th Our family all excepting Mr. H– went to N– The death of Christ was commemorated
in the supper – Mr Hall preached in the morning from Luke 20th 36 – Neither can they
die any more, for they are equal unto the angels, being the children of the resurrection.
Tho' there is no direct revelation in regard to the recognition of our friends after
death, yet the general strain of our Saviour's teaching and the writings
of the Apostles plainly intimate that we shall renew very virtuous attachments
in another life – Last week I was laid upon a sick bed, but God has in
mercy raised me up. may this spared life, and restored health be devoted more
entirely to his glory. I have seen much of the wickedness of my heart the
secret sins of my inmost feelings – & it does indeed require strong faith
to realise, that such an impure unholy creature may be forgiven –
I am sure if I know myself, I do hate every evil and false way, and yet
I find much of evil exists within my bosom – how strangely inconsistent
& how almost incredible the thought that such pollution can ever be so
entirely cleansed as to find acceptance – O Infinite Purity pity pardon
and save me – This afternoon the sermon was upon the coming of the
kingdom of heaven – The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is
at hand. Blessed be God for the privileges and blessings of this Holy day
and this communion season; may my poor heart, and others also be
strengthened and encouraged in the work of the Lord – and many souls be
added to the Lord – Mrs. Hitchcock spent the day here yesterday –

June 10th We have been to Whately to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary White.
our cousin – taken away in the midst of her usefulness – having a little
flock of children, and one scarcely a week old – This is the fourth
daughter that her parents have consigned to the grave – Mr Fergu-
-son preached from the 15th verse of the 116 Psalm Precious in the
sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. God grant that this
solemn providence and the instruction on this occasion, may be
blessed to the salvation of all nearly concerned – Yesterday
Goodwin and I went to N– drank tea at Charles, – [illegible]
had retired last night Edward came home – expected to
walk back this evening – O Father hear my prayer for my chil-
dren, my friends, the church of God and the world of mankind
that thy kingdom may come and Jesus Christ reign thro' the earth

June 23d All but Mr H– went to N– Doct. Parkman preached in the morning
from 10th Hebrews The just shall live by faith – this afternoon from 1st Corinthians
Evil communications corrupt good manners – the danger of associating with
the vicious Theodore Wright was buried today scarce a week passes but
some of our friends, or acquaintances, drop into the grave – as we were
going to church today we rode past the grave yard and looked at the
resting place of our beloved Catharine and Whiting – soon we also shall
lie down with them. Is it a gloomy thought? no the grave shall
refine these corruptible bodies that they may be fashioned like
unto Christ's glorious body – O blessed hope! To be here, to love
God perfectly to see him as he is and be like him, to cease from
giving or taking offence, to do all duty and never more even
think to sin this is heaven may we all at length enjoy it thro'

July 1st 1839 - We had no preaching at our church yesterday; in the morning Mr. S. Lyman read prayers and a sermon - in the afternoon we went to the Episcopal Church -. I would now testify to the goodness of God his mercy to a poor weak ignorant soul, who indeed amidst all her unworthiness does above all things desire to be purified from every defilement - for it is who supports me by the hope which he does not utterly take from me - It is of his goodness that the cares and labours, and bustle, in which I find myself do not overwhelm me; that gracious hand which first made me, still continues to uphold me; and tho' for a little season he hid his face from me, yet I trust with everlasting kindness he will have mercy upon me. Increase my faith & love my diligence in duty, my zeal to promote thy kingdom that I may have the best evidence of my adoption, even a disposition to keep all thy commandments - O Father remember my children and grand children, and let not the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word.

July 7th This is Fanny's birthday - may God of his mercy enable her to pray for thy assistance in making improvement in the knowledge & and practice of duty - may the few words which I said to her today sink deep into her heart, and bring forth fruit in her life - Last wednesday night I was attacked with a touch of Cholera Morbus - but by the blessing of God on ~~timely~~ early attention the disease was checked, and I am again well - A few weeks since I was sick for a day or two and I resolved on doing some duties which I had felt binding for a long time - but when I recovered, I forgot my obligations, and shrunk from my masters work - so he found it necessary to lay me down again upon a sick bed, and thus he called to my remembrance my neglect of duty - thanks to his assisting grace, he has disposed me since my recovery, to speak to some as I had opportunity, and today I endeavored to fulfil some obligations, which I had long neglected - For this and all blessings thou art giving me O Father, make me thankful, and help me to realize that my time is short -

July 14th Today we attended worship at N. Mr Dwight preached in the morning from John 15 - 15 Henceforth I call you not servants &c — this afternoon Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto me &c — he said many good things but we have not Mr Stearns — O Father send us in thy own time a man full of faith and of the holy Ghost — may a blessing rest upon what of truth we have this day heard — wednesday Mr & Mrs Chase came here — also Mrs Parsons and Mrs Walsh [illegible] thursday Theophilus' birthday — we had company by invitation Friday evening Edward came home — staid with us till this morning went to N— from there went on his way to Cabotville — what a changing scene is this life full of eager activity and too much of it therefore vain pursuits — O for the Spirit of Christ to fit us for death and heaven

July 28th This is the anniversary of Whiting's death — seven years ago, he entered the eternal world — and what have I done since to fit me for a reunion — I fear I am a barren fig-tree — my dear departed children have been calling me to arise and depart — and last thursday we had another solemn admonition in the death of little Ellen Bethia — she was taken sick only tuesday night, and died about noon on thursday —

So fades the lovely blooming flower
Frail, smiling solace of an hour —

the funeral was on Friday — the parents have felt the rod may it be the chastening of a kind Father which wounds to heal — and afflicts to purify and save. It is my earnest prayer that the parents may learn heavenly wisdom by this event, that they may be roused to a deeper sense of their obligations, to their children and be assisted to fulfill all righteousness — O my Father let them not suffer without the consolations of the religion of Christ — Mr Dwight preached in the morning from these words thou hast been faithful over a few things &c — this afternoon — he that humbleth himself &c last monday our old walnut tree was struck with lightning

Hadley Oct 26th 1839 – The time and the events since the first of Sept. seem more like a troubled dream than a reality. And yet, the vacant seat at our table, the want of those thousand kind and pleasing attentions, which we were wont to receive, and O the solemn scene of parting, the agony of the dying bed, all these make it a most affecting reality that one of our dear number is gone. The cherished one, she who on account of frequent infirmities was shielded by her friends from the rough blasts of outward hardships, has fallen a victim to her affection and anxiety for her friends. The firmness and composure with which she perceived the approach of the last enemy, served to remove the sting of death, and when her sufferings were over, we could not mourn as those who have no hope; we could not wish to call her back to this state of sorrow and fear and sin and pain and death. We hope that her warfare is accomplished and the days of her mourning are ended. Our business is to prepare to find her again with our other children and friends in the mansions which Jesus prepared for his followers. Our family have all been laid upon beds of sickness, some in danger but God has been merciful to us, lest we should have sorrow upon sorrow. We think it a mercy to be restored to health, and yet we try to think it well when our friends are removed. It is well God's will is done, and for this we should praise him and if our will is conformed to his we shall need fear no evil. In life or in death we shall be his. On the 14th of this month monday evening between ten and eleven she ceased from her labours & her pains and we hope slept in Jesus. The next day we sent for Frederic and Edward arrived in the evening, next day at noon, Mr. Smith of Warwick came to attend the funeral with Frederic & two Mr. Smiths brother from the Ware, very afflicted ay. they left us the ~~[illegible]~~ day after. During the last trying scene William was a constant attendant night and day a great comfort and support to us all, God grant that he may not have taken the disease. Last Sabbath we all attended church at N– requested prayers in our affliction, and gave thanks for our recovery – This we would endeavour to fulfil all righteousness. May the Spirit of God, yet preserve our lives and health, and enable us with renewed diligence to press forward in the christian course looking to Jesus. O Father help us to look to Jesus and cleanse ourselves from the pollutions which still defile our souls.

Sabbath, Nov. 3d I am at home today with Helen and the children, who are staying with us, while their house becomes ready for their admittance. they came over on Wednesday. It is my most earnest prayer, that our dear Mary's death may be the means of great good to that family. It has made a deep impression. O thou Author of all good influence suffer it never to abate. May they cherish the memory of their beloved sister, and may it have a tendency to hallow and elevate all their affections and desires and purposes. Edward spent ~~wednesday~~ thursday night with us – in health – It is a privilege to see him so often, and to commune together upon things pertaining to the spiritual world – William had a letter from Frederic too – he also seems to be soaring toward heaven. Blessed be God – may we all learn wisdom by the events of Divine Providence. –

Nov. 16th Saturday evening — Helen and the children left us last Tuesday, having been with us about two weeks; It was very pleasant to have them here, tho' the ~~the~~ thot of our dear departed Mary, and how much she would have enjoyed the visit, was often in our mind, and the subject of free conversation. It is not I hope sinful to think of our departed friends, and even to wish to enjoy their society, if we do not indulge repining thots, or give them the place in our heart which belongs to our God and his beloved Son. During the past week H. Upthorp and his mother called on us. He is I believe a sincere friend of our family, and appears to feel most deeply the event which has afflicted us; I do most earnestly pray that the Spirit of God may enlighten his mind, and awaken in him that faith which is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen, may it be the means of producing in him that trust in God which is more desirable than all earthly treasures.—

Last sabbath Mr. H. and William were at Cummington to assist in forming a church. The rest of the family went to N. excepting Bethia and Eunice who went to the Mills. This morning William left us for Boston, and this afternoon Theodore and I went to N. called to see Charles's new house for the first time. O heavenly Father grant that it may not lead their thots and affections from thee, who givest them so abundantly of thy temporal favours, but as it ought may it induce them to set their hearts more fervently upon the the things of thy kingdom. Helen has a very troublesome cough, the Lord in mercy relieve her, & spare their parents to train up their little ones for heaven.—

Nov. 30th Time has been stealing away tho' we make no record of its progress.— May I remember that every action is registered in the book of God's remembrance, and will one day be made public.. This is saturday evening. and our thanksgiving festival has come and gone. Tuesday morning, long before day Theophilus and Eliza set out for Abington. We finished our preparations for the occasion in good season tho' with some heaviness of heart. Bethia and I go on alone; our pleasant companion and kind assistant is removed; her place is vacant, and we must mourn. But not as those who have no hope. In the pure and peaceful regions of the spiritual world she must be perfectly satisfied. She cannot desire to come back to these stormy shores. In her Father's house she has a home and provisions adapted to her spiritual wants, and he has wiped away all tears from her eyes. We missed her indeed at the family meals, and our thots went back to the time when our number was unbroken. Who will next tread the lonely passage, we know not. Whoever it may be, may the Rod and Staff ~~streng~~ strengthen and guide.— Edward came before dark, and Charles and Fanny and ~~Willi~~ Charley dined and drank tea with us thanksgiving day. Helen was prevented by whooping cough but went to Edward Clark's with Mills. Yesterday Giles Smith page Bd and his wife dined here, and Mr. Hitchcock and his wife call'd in the afternoon. William went home with Charles, thanksgiving evening, and Edward left us in the afternoon yesterday; Theodore carried him down to the Falls. Frederic came from Warwick last saturday evening and is preparing to go to Cambridge next week. The Lord make our way plain before us thro' the present life, and receive us mercifully to himself in his own good time, to join our friends above the sky—

Dec. 7th Last sabbath we all attended worship at N— excepting Mr. H— and Frank. Frederic went up to Charles's and dined— Helen was more unwell with her cough. Mr. Moore preached in the morning from these words

in the afternoon from these for if we should judge ourselves we should not be judged of the Lord

Spoke with Mr. Whitmarsh about having the Lord's supper administered, and about having men to distribute the elements, who should know it their duty to do it, that there may be no waiting nor confusion. Tuesday Frederic took the stage at N— for Cambridge we have not heard from him since. Wednesday Mr. H— Bethia and I went to Charles's, by invitation and dined— Theodore was invited but could not conveniently go. Thursday afternoon Theophilus and Eliza came home having had a pleasant, and I hope a profitable visit. The Lord make us all thankful for his goodness. They came here and drank tea with us. This afternoon ~~—~~ Bethia went with me to sit a little while with Eliza When together, our conversation is much upon our dear departed Mary. may it be purifying and elevating to our souls.—

Sabbath evening— Dec. 8— Went to N— T. E. and B. in the wagon, T. and myself in the chaise. Mr. Moore preached in the morning from these words Matthew 16. 24— If any man will be my disciple let him deny himself and take up the cross and follow me. It rained hard & Charles and little Charley staid church thro' the intermission. He says Helen's cough is less troublesome. Praise the Lord O my soul for all his goodness to me and mine. This afternoon ~~the text~~ was Romans 12th— If it be possible, as much as in you lieth live peaceably with all men. We are not to sacrifice our duty to avoid giving offence. but after the example of our master resist unto blood striving against sin. O thou divine Comforter strengthen me to resist all my evil propensities, and set a watch over my lips that I sin not with my tongue. Let me not be tempted above that I am able to bear. Looking to Jesus may I receive strength according to my need— Bless O Father the preaching of thy truth, and all thy dealings toward us and all men— to the advancement of thy kingdom— until Jesus shall reign universally.

Dec. 15th A violent snow storm— all at home:— Theophilus, and Eliza here. I have tho't more lately of sorrowful subjects than usual— All the morning the tears were ready to start, in thinking of our dear Mary— the idea of what she suffered seems more present, and real, than that of what she is now doing and enjoying— I have been reading in the life of Wilberforce. He too drank the cup of sorrow— and it is gratifying to find that same considerations which comforted him, have been a healing balm to my wounded troubled spirit.— But I do not find that he had the same struggles with inward sins— O when shall I be free from these! when shall I exercise those benevolent affections ~~which~~ which constitute the christian character, by manifesting supreme love to God and love to man— O thou who alone canst overcome the sins of the heart, cleanse thou me from secret faults for Jesus sake —

Dec. 22 1839- We have all attended worship at N— excepting Mr. H— page 4th Mr. Moore's sermon this morning was from 2 Luke, 11th verse on the birth of our Saviour. He alluded also to the landing of the Pilgrims— all the blessings which our country has enjoyed may be traced to the christian religion, and thus to the birth of the babe of Bethlehem. How strikingly does this teach us the vanity of earthly greatness and grandeur. The Prince of Peace, the Saviour of sinners he who was to lead many sons to glory, was born in a stable— The glad news was not communicated to the rich and the powerful of this world, but simple shepherds were honoured with this heavenly visitant; and the message delivered under the broad canopy of the starry heavens. O that we might receive the instructions of heavenly wisdom with the same undoubting faith as did these shepherds of Judea. The text this afternoon was in — on loving our neighbour as ourselves. I was reproved by several observations - may it do me and others good.— Friday William came and brought Miss Edwards— they left us this morning attended worship with us - dined at Charles's and went on from there to Chesterfield, as he was engaged to preach in the evening He is about to connect himself with this young woman. God grant that it may be a blessing to all concerned.— May they both become more wholly devoted to thy service. My heart was full to overflowing this morning, and one thot of dear Mary swelled the fountain, so that the waters gushed over.— Lord I leave my poor, sinful sorrowful soul in thine hands, and all the souls whom I love— leave us not nor forsake us, thro' Jesus our Lord

Jan. 5th 1840. I have entered on a new year. The events of the last year are full of interest. Among them stands first the death of our beloved Mary— cut down as a flower of the field— Quietly and patiently she yielded up herself to the will of God. And when I fix my thots on her, contrasting the evils to which she was subject in consequence of the infirmities of her body, with the peace and purity & strength to serve God which she now enjoys, I rejoice. Much as I long to see her and again hold intercourse with her, I would not call her back— O no! go on blessed Spirit, serve our heavenly Father, and our great master— and may we who still linger behind be at length prepared to join that great company. But when shall I be prepared? I am cast down, sorrowful, groaning under this load of sin, which presses me down into the dust, I can almost say, tears are my meat night and day. O Allmighty deliverer, strong to save, my desires are to thee and to the remembrance of thy mercy. In reviewing the past year we have much for which to be thankful. Health and strength for necessary labours, much of the time; and when laid upon bed of sickness, renewed health and vigour bestowed, our temporal wants supplied, and the hope of heaven ~~[illegible]~~ not entirely taken away— I would again offer to thee my earnest prayer, that my sins many and great as they are may be forgiven thro' the intercession of Jesus Christ, thy beloved Son, and that this dark cloud which rests upon my mind, may be removed. On Christmas day, our family all went to Chesterfield to attend William's marriage, returned about twelve at night. I stayed at home to take care of the children, spent an hour or two in looking over Mary's papers: Happy should I be could my tears wash away the pollutions of my soul— Frederic came from Cambridge and attended the wedding. Edward too was there, they came home the next day. William and his wife have been here a week, they will probably stay thro' the winter—. My time for reading writing and reflection is very limited; the cares and work of the family occupy much time, our dear helper is taken away, and some works of charity which we had plan'd are prevented. O Father make the path of duty plain and give me grace and wisdom to walk cheerfully in it. May thy name be known and hallowed, and thy will be done in earth as in heaven—

Hadley Jan. 25th Sabbath evening 1840. ~~This is the first~~ ——

The family have all attended worship today - William preached at N-
in the afternoon. I stayed at home, detained by a heavy cold - for
two days past, it has been thought best for me to refrain from usual
labour and exposure. It brot to my mind, the probability that before
long I may be obliged to make large demands upon my friends,
in this way. It may be that I may long be a burden to those around
me, and to myself also. She who is now my earthly helper,
may as her departed sister did, fall a sacrifice to her anxiety
and service for her friends. Since our dear Mary's departure she
and I seem more necessary to each other than before. perhaps we
need to be taught more effectually to cease from earthly friends
whose breath is in their nostrils and who fade as the leaf.
Truly our hope should be in God. and at times I think I do
feel something of this hope and trust. I pray that I may not with
anxious eyes, attempt to look in to the uncertain future.
I desire cheerfully to leave all my concerns, and all ~~that~~ concerns
of those dear to me at thy disposal merciful Father. knowing
~~that that~~ thou art able to make all things work together for
good to them that love God. I pray thee assist me to put in
execution the plans I have formed, and let me no longer neglect
known duty. dwell in my heart, and influence me to every
good word and work. - Last week I spent an evening with
Helen - and attended the next day the Anti slavery meeting
at Northampton, too - O thou who rulest among the nations
deliver these miserable slaves. Thou who didst send thy son
to preach deliverance to the captive, the recovering of sight
to the blind the opening of the prison to them that are bound
arise in thy might and in thy mercy, and cause a nation
to be born in a day. succeed the efforts of those who are seeking
to cleanse our land from these abominations and let us yet
be that holy and happy people whose God is the Lord. -

Sabbath day - Feb. 2d still confined at home with a cold. - The rest of the family have
all gone to N- William and his wife went to Chesterfield last Tuesday - returned
last evening. For a week past I have been relieved from some of the labour
of the kitchen, and from the direction of her who is a trial of patience, an
interruption of all tranquil thot and peace of mind - but she seems necessary,
the work she does, helps us along, and gives us time for sewing and other avoca-
tions - still I feel but poorly qualified for this charge. I pray for grace and
strength according to my need. - It is easy for the Lord to dispose of us all in
the way he shall see best. And he can so arrange all our family concerns
as to make our old age comfortable and useful. I would not, I think ask for
the indulgences of a luxurious mode of living - nor for exemption from
care and labour. On the contrary I beg of God to enable me while I live
to do something for him and something for my friends and those around
me. And I also desire if it be thy will that I may be able to discharge
the duties thou shalt assign me, without distraction or discontent. let
not satan get the advantage - hold me in thine hand, and bid the
Accuser of the Brethren to depart. strengthen me, that I may be able
to do my share of the work of the family - that my dear companion &
helper may not be overburdened. Mr. H. speaks often of his infirmities, &
thinks his work is about done. has a great deal of dizziness. I believe we are
not either of us very desirous of living long - my earnest prayer is that our
honour and serve thee in life & death
[illegible] that we may [illegible] Christ [illegible]

Feb. 23d 1841 - On my birth day the 4th, instead of observing the day as usual I was quite unwell, having had a chill in the night and fever succeeding. My thots however were frequently in the day occupied with the subject, and I felt some aspirations toward heaven. Since that, I have been confined to my room till last monday. The Lord hath dealt bountifully with me - he hath not cut me down suddenly - nor confined me to a bed of pain and languishing for weeks - he hath given efficacy to the means used and I am able, tho' not to worship him in his house, yet to record with my hand his goodness, and testify to his forbearance and mercy. As he is restoring my health and strength, may I not hope that he will yet employ me in some humble way in his service? - Amen - so do for Christ's. Our family have gone to N. Hadley, as the river has suddenly risen, from the blocking up of the ice. Tuesday morning William and his wife took leave of us for Illinois. Infinite Father with cheerfulness and confidence I commit them to thy guidance and disposal - praying that their time, powers and faculties may be all employed in promoting the salvation of souls and thus the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

I would not fail to notice the goodness of our heavenly Father in supporting my remaining earthly stay, amidst her anxieties and multiplied labours and cares. - Still O Father support and comfort her and lay not upon her a greater burden than thou wilt give her strength and grace to bear. Friday I spent the day at Theophilus', and without taking cold. - At Northampton they are about inviting Mr. Dwight to be their minister. I pray earnestly that if he is not settled in the true faith, if he is about to teach human speculation, for gospel doctrine that he may not remain there. All events are at thy disposal, have mercy on that people, and provide for them such instruction as shall turn many to righteousness - thro' Jesus Christ our Redeemer, amen

March 1st Sabbath. The bridge has been carried off by the ice, and we are shut up on the sabbath. Theodore and Frederic have walked over to N-n - Mr H- B- & I stay at home. I have been reading in daily scripture readings - and in Adam Clarke's Commentary - on 15th of 1st Corinthians. - My strength increases thro' the goodness of God - may he also grant me a disposition to do his will, that I may employ for his glory the powers which he has so mercifully healed and restored. Yesterday Mr H- carried B- and I to call at Martha's - Friday Theophilus and Eliza drank tea here. - And now O my Father I commit to thee my dear children, wherever they are, dwell in their hearts - and prepare them for thy peculiar service - and may we all be preparing to meet our dear departed ones, and serve thee with them in perfect holiness thro' eternity, for Jesus sake, to whom be glory forever.

March 22d - I am at home today with Eliza who is lame. Two of the last sabbaths I was at N- staying with Helen, came home a week ago - Last thursday morning at three oclock she had a daughter born. Hear my prayer for them on this occasion. Make them to feel that thou hast put it into their hands, an immortal being, to bring up for thee, and may they never forget their high responsibility. Remind them constantly of the important bearing which every word and action of their lives will have upon the eternal state of their children, and may every day find them more attentive and diligent to train them up for thee. Make them more instant in prayer, continuing therein, with increasing resolution and dependence on thee. Theodore was quite unwell last week, but the Lord heard our prayers, gave success to our efforts and removed the disease; may he think of thy goodness, be more watchful prayerful and heavenly minded, and thus experience the benefits which correction is designed to bestow. I bring all my dear kindred to thee for spiritual blessings - and pray that thy kingdom may come and thy will be done thro' Jesus our Saviour

March 29th 1840 This morning we are all detained at home by the rain excepting Theodore who has gone to N. Hadley - We had hoped to worship at N.H., but the Lord has ordered it differently, may we experience heavenly teaching at home. During the last week we had letters from Mrs Fisher and Elizabeth; also an application from Deat. Channing to take his repeated - may the Lord guide us in the way of duty in this case and with regard to the girl who has been so way-ward, and troublesome. Friday brother and his wife made us a visit, also, Theophilus and his wife, by special invitation. Mrs Fisher appears to feel deeply the death of our dear Mary - It has been my earnest prayer that our family might receive a last benefit from this affliction, and such is my prayer still. We have heard nothing from Helen since her confinement but that she was comfortable, and that her cough was troublesome, for this she was using remedies. Frail beings we are. The seeds of death are in our very being. Prepare us all O Father to live to die, and to live and serve thee in heaven. Increase my faith I beseech thee in spiritual and invisible things - and make me more watchful and prayerful, and to follow with more determined zeal the example of my dear departed children. Mr. H. complains of infirmities; O Father strengthen his faith and hope, and make him to enjoy the blessedness of those who trust in thee. All which supplications I make thro' the intercession of Jesus Christ.

April 12th Mr. H- is preaching to day at Deerfield - Theodore went with me to North Hadley in the morning, this afternoon Bethia went with him. Mr. Thurn's engagement there has ceased - and we heard a man, by the name of Foote - text in Malachi, 3d - 10th Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in my house; and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, If I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. In order to prove God we must first of all repent of all our sins, keep the ordinances of the Lord - such as secret prayer, family prayer - keeping the sabbath, attending public worship, social prayer - and I would say family government - all these must be done with the heart - a pure heart, humble, sincere, earnest, devoted to the fear and love of God. - I do feel ashamed of my backwardness in duty. I sometimes think I would gladly do something to save sinners. But do I not deceive myself? - There is in our own family is a girl, almost as bad as a heathen. Why not labour with her? - bear with her follies and sins, repeat over and over the instruction which seems to make no impression, reprove, rebuke, and admonish, and withal pour out the most earnest supplications for her salvation, why not do this perseveringly, and who knows but God will renew her heart, and give her a disposition to keep his commandments. I have been seeking guidance with regard to a course of conduct which might produce improvement in some soul - To thee I ~~commit~~ commit these desires & make the path of duty plain.

April 19th Mr. H- again at Deerfield. The Lord grant the accompanying influences of his Holy Spirit to sanctify and save some precious souls. - The rest of us went to North Hadley - heard a sermon from Revelation 2d 3 - Last thursday Mr. H. B. and myself went to Cabotville - found Edward well - had a pleasant ride and visit. For every day of peace and ease, how great are our obligations to our heavenly benefactor, how much greater when to these he adds, agreeable intercourse with friends exemption from distressing fears - and prosperity in our outward lawful purposes. - For these blessings the week past, I would return my hearty thanks intreating that the multiplied favours which I receive may be so many new motives to renewed diligence fidelity and patience in the way of well doing - May I be more devoted to prayer, intercede more fervently for the salvation of a ruined race - that the gospel may spread far and wide that war and slavery intemperance and every evil work may cease, and that I and all mine may be prepared for the purity and peace of heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen -

April 26th 1840. Sabbath. Mr. H. and I at home; our children gone to Northampton, Frank ~~to Eth~~ Eunice to N-H-. I have been looking over some letters ~~of~~ from our dear Whiting, Mary, and Catherine. Surely it is not sinful to weep that we shall see them no more here. Jesus wept at the grave of his friend, and the early christians wept that they should no more see the face of their spiritual Teacher. But while we weep, may we join thanksgiving with our tears, and "bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who of his abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a lively hope. This hope may we ever have as an "anchor of the soul, sure and stedfast"- believing that tho' our outward man decay, we have a building not made with hands eternal in the heavens. And then our dear departed ones, so loved, and cherish'd, surely they are not dead, God is not the God of the dead, but of the living; are they not ministering spirits sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation. May we then by the patience of hope and the labours of love, prove ourselves to be the heirs of salvation that we may share in their blessed ministrations. Last week we had letters from W. and F.- Praise the Lord O my soul for all the comforts which flow to us from our children.

May 3d. We have been at N-H- and heard Mr. Sanford. In the morning the text was in 107 Psalm, 43d verse. Whoso is wise and will observe these things even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.- This afternoon Haggai 2d chapter 4th verse. Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel be strong &c The strength of the church consists in their attachment to the cause of holiness, and in their fidelity in using all the means in their power to promote it. Today I have felt unusually impress'd with spiritual things my conceptions of heavenly and divine objects have been uncommonly clear and vivid- Is it all a delusion? or does God in mercy visit my soul- or send to me the spirits of my dear departed children to strengthen my wavering faith- At the morning service in the family, I was touch'd and affected with this passage- Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered Fear ye not therefore ye are of more value than many sparrows. It came to my mind like an assurance of the happy state of my dear departed children- thanks to God for this work of the Comforter, which Jesus promised to his disciples-

May 10th Bethia Theodore and I have been to N-n to worship, and carried Chesley home. Found Helen gaining, tho' but slowly. Mr. Dwight's text in the morning was in Romans 6th 4th- Even so we should walk in newness of life. Our lives should be a continual renewal of obedience and good work. after noon, Phillip- 4th 13th I can do all things &c-

May 17th The family have gone to N-H- I am at home alone. Not very well- Frequent infirmities and weakness, teach me that this body is wearing out; tending to dissolution. This is well, it was not made for eternity- but the mind the vital spark, is that ~~living~~ living and brightening?- does it by faith become more assimilated to the spirit of Christ, and to the glowing and active spirits of the angelic hosts, and of the redeemed from among men? does it hold intercourse with dear departed friends and children, whom I regard as treasures laid up in heaven, and may perhaps ere long be employ'd to conduct my spirit to their pure and peaceful home?- But there is a gloomy vale between, the Jordan of death. And there is also a load of sin, evil propensities unsubdued, a lamentable deficiency of love in my heart. who shall deliver me from the body of this death?- Almighty Helper! my hope is in thee, thro' Jesus thy Son. This week Mr Dwight is to be ordained if the Lord will over our church and society. May every praying soul be earnest in prayer for a blessing on those who meet to perform the services, upon him who is to be ordained and upon all the people. Let all the people praise the Lord. thro' J.C.

Hadley May 25th 1840 - We were yesterday indulged with the privilege of attending worship at N-n. Mr Dwight preached all day from 1st Cor. 9th 19th Tho' I am free from all men, I have made myself servant to all that I might gain the more. In the morning he spoke of those whom it was his business to gain - The business of a minister is to fit souls for heaven, these immortal spirits thus purified and renewed constitute the Church - he described the duties of the church with regard to their minister &c A very interesting and instructive discourse - in the afternoon his subject was his duties as a minister and a man. May the Great Head of the church smile on and bless his labours. Last Tuesday evening Edward came home to attend the ordination. Accordingly we all went over excepting Mr. H. The exercises were all performed decently and in order, calculated to inspire solemnity, devotion, and high spiritual enjoyment. selections of scripture read by Mr. Brown, sermon by Mr. Ripley charge by Doct. Channing, ordaining prayer, by Mr. Frothingham, right hand; by Mr. Osgood. The music was fine. especially "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet." &. May God in mercy smile on the connexion thus formed, and may spiritual blessings in abundance descend upon minister and people. We all dined at Charles's. Helen was able to attend, for which we would express our grateful acknowledgements. - Bethia stay'd over yesterday to stay a week or two at Charles's - at noon we called to see the baby - a pretty little thriving child - O that the parents may carry it to the house of God and give it up in faith to be his forever.

May 31st - Mr. H- gone this afternoon to N- H - Theodore to N-n. and I at home by mistake. Theophilus has been unwell several days sent for the Physician this morning, I went to see what he tho't of him, and while I was gone Theodore went away. I was sadly disappointed, for it is a rare privilege to worship at N-n. The Lord forgive me if I have sinned in this respect. Perhaps it will be all for the best - At any rate I ought to say always thy will be done, and not only say it but feel it. Theophilus thro' mercy, is not severely sick, the Lord in mercy heal him, but especially grant to him and his wife that use of his illness which shall improve them in the life of faith hope and obedience.

June 7th Bethia and Theodore went with me to N-n Mr Dwight preach'd all day from John's gospel 17th 21st That they may all be one, as thou Father art in me &c. On the communion of christians with the Father Jesus and one another - I have been much instructed and gratified heard many things which I have myself experienced, and have in some manner been lifted above the things of time. But O pitiful weakness I lose the impressions and forget my resolutions; strengthen O thou divine Spirit that which thou has wrought and forgive all in me that is unholy - The Lord's supper was celebrated and Christ set forth crucified before us The cross of Christ is all our hope, - may the whole world feel its regenerating power. -

June 14th This morning we attended worship at N- H - Mr. Beman preached from Hosea, O Israel thou hast destroyed thyself ~~&c~~ - The wicked are always considered in human governments as having brought upon themselves, their own misery, The law is holy, tho' it condemns the transgressor. This afternoon B- T. and I went to N-n - Charles and Helen presented and dedicated their infant in baptism - in the public assembly - for which I would render my devout thanks to God, from whom all good purposes and right actions do proceed. For this I have prayed, and my prayer is answered. For yet greater degrees of holiness and purity in these my children and grand children I still with earnestness intercede and may I not hope that these desires also may be granted! - The little stranger which Mr. Dwight so feelingly welcomed to our christian privileges and hopes is called Mary Elizabeth. O that she may indeed possess the pure and tender spirit of our ~~dear~~ departed Mary for whom she is called. Thanks to our heavenly Father for his goodness to Helen. May the journey which she is about to take be beneficial to her health - and may these parents be spared and assisted to bring up their children for God - The text was in Phil. 3d - For our conversation is in heaven - may the Divine S. carry it to every heart.

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July 12th We have heard Mr. Beman preach today - in the morning from Psalm 133d - Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ~~Some~~ things that are pleasant are not good, but to behold christians loving each other, over looking each others frailties, and peacefully performing the relative and social duties, this is enough to call forth the exclamation Behold!, how beautiful, as we say when looking abroad upon a fine landscape. But a scene of moral beauty exceeds that of nature as much as the soul in value exceeds that of the body - this afternoon the text was marvel not that I said unto you ye must be Mr. Beman differs from most calvinistic ministers - From his preaching he would seem to be a unitarian. I cannot but love him for his kind and tolerant spirit. O that christians could have that charity which is the bond of perfectness - We had a letter from Frederic last night, he is expecting to be home in a week - may we be prepared to enjoy and improve this interview - God grant that the time may not be spent in worldliness, folly and idle conversation but that our conversation may be in heaven - and in this way may we be prepared for life or death, but above all for the holy services of the kingdom of H-

July 19th We have been to N-n today found Frederic there according to agreement, and brot him home with us. we should cherish the most grateful sense of the goodness of God, who has preserved us during a separation of five months and brot us again together in health and safety - and now it is my earnest prayer, that our communications together may be spiritual, holy - tending to our improvement in every christian grace and virtue. Watch over us all and suffer us not to grieve away thy Holy Spirit. Mr. Dwight's sermon was from Romans 8th 16th The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit &c -. May the Spirit of God accompany the preaching of the word, and all the means of religion used to day ~~as~~ to bring about the kingdom of Christ in the hearts of sinners. May Zion arise and shine her light being come, and may satan's kingdom fall as lightning from heaven. -

July 26th Edward came yesterday afternoon - we all went to hear Mr. Beman this morning who preached from Exodus 20th Remember the sabbath &c. this afternoon Edward and F. staid at home - we had some of the ways in which the sabbath is violated enumerated - carrying mails mentioned as a national sin - - We have very little leisure for conversation, a new branch of business has been introduced - I pray that it may not lead us to sin. - I went to N-n with Frederic on Friday we brot home Mills with us he is a very good boy - may the spirit of God sanctify him even from infancy - I earnestly pray that thou O Father wilt forgive my sins and help me to serve thee better in time to come - may we often follow our dear departed children into the invisible world, and may they tho dead yet speak to us and lead us to walk in the way to heaven. O God of our salvation send thy Holy Spirit to accompany all the means of religion we enjoyed to day and may Jesus Christ see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied - Bless this family meeting, and may we find our hearts strengthened in the Lord, and prepared to serve thee better than we ever yet have done

August 1st 1840 - We have attended worship this morning at N-n. Mr. Dwight's text was in Luke 22 - this do in remembrance of me. a sacramental occasion - He endeavoured to persuade all that it is their duty to remember Christ and that in this way they promote their own holiness - and progress in religion - they have only to choose and follow holiness, to love and imitate Jesus Christ, and they may freely partake of this bread and this cup, which are offered without reserve to all. I have not received those spiritual comforts which I sometimes enjoy. I have not had those vivid conceptions of heavenly things which I sometimes have - return unto me I beseech thee O thou heavenly comforter - and grant that in thy light, we may all see light. search us and show us what we are and what we must become. -

Last tuesday was the
anniversary of our dear
Whiting's death-day
and night I remembered
before God, may
we be what he desired
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friends to the heavenly [illegible]

June 21st 1840. Mr. H. Theodore E. and I went to N. H. Bethia being in Northampton, keeping house for Helen who is gone to Boston with her mother and Fanny for her health. Mr. Bement preached from these words of Paul Timothy 2. 4th 7th I have finished my course. We all have duties assigned us. these we are to perform in the Spirit and after the example of our divine Master. Yesterday we met Mrs. Hunt of North Amherst, at Theophilus's with Mrs. Gunn. This afternoon Mr. Bement text was 'young men exhort to be sober-minded' How lamentable is the fact, that so few young men and women, are sober-minded, discreet, regarding the interests of their souls as the one thing needful. may the divine Spirit accompany the truth which has been spoken this day every where and make it as the fire and hammer to break the hearts of the indifferent and the hardened, and melt them into willing obedience and love to God. May this sabbath be to multitudes a blessing which shall extend its blessed effects into eternity. Last night we had a letter from William, and Charles and Helen had one from Lizzie, Theophilus and Eliza one from Mrs. Fisher. All in health. Last week I wrote to Frederic by Helen.

The abundance of mercies which are bestowed on me and mine call loudly for the most grateful acknowledgments, & that a cheerful obedience may express the feelings which shall be acceptable to my father in Heaven During last week, I was oppress'd with a fearfulness of spirit, a trembling of faith, a cloud passing over my mind. Has Satan desired to have me that he may sift me as wheat? may Jesus plead for me that my faith fail not. and always uphold and comfort me by his Spirit.

June 28th We have been to N. H. this morning, heard the minister from Montague, "The law is holy" what a pity it is that ministers should come before their maker in prayer with a boldness and harshness of expression, which implies any thing but reverence & humility of mind! Tuesday of last week Mr. Dwight dined here and called at Theophilus, and brothers. Wednesday Mrs. Hitchcock came up in the morning staid till after dinner, and I went with her to T's after tea she call'd here and we went to brother's. Thursday night Oliver Warner brot aunt Dickinson to make a visit. she staid till toward night Friday and Theophilus Phelps carried her home. Thro' the unexpected labours and cares of the past week, the Lord has mercifully supported and strengthen'd me. It is all of his goodness and to Him I would ascribe all the praise. One of my dear earthly props has been removed; taken from this earthly home and carried to a safer purer, permanent home in the heavens. shall I complain? when faith is strong I rejoice. I bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who I trust has taken to himself these dear children, and is causing them to drink of the waters of life which proceed from the throne of God. My earnest prayer is that all of our family may at length be collected into the great company of the redeemed, and go no more out. And may all the nations of the world speedily see the salvation of God thro' Jesus our Saviour. amen.

July 5th Today Mr. H. Theodore and I staid at home. Bethia who came home Friday and Edward who came Saturday morning, went to North Hadley. Charles & the two little boys came over and brot B. Helen came home Thursday afternoon with Fanny and Henrietta Mills. she was gone ~~about~~ a fortnight. apparently not much improvement in her health. Edward came to make us a visit, as the festival furnished him a release from his labours, and the sabbath immediately following he has been able to stay with us two days. We had a pleasant meeting at tea last night of Theophilus's family and ours. a few more meetings on earth. and we shall unite with the great company above, in the songs and worship of the redeemed in heaven, there we hope to find those dear ones whom we call'd ours here, and go on with them from one degree of glory to another thro' the ceaseless round of endless years. and all of the infinite love of God thro' Jesus Christ to whom be glory and thanksgiving forever. amen

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August 9th Mr. H. and B. gone to N— H— Theodore and Frederic gone to N—n I alone at home; I have endeavoured to collect my thoughts and fix them during this hour of public worship, in prayer, may the forgiving grace of God in Jesus Christ be granted to my poor sinful soul and may I yet enjoy the light of his countenance. The most animating motives are set before me — my dear friends and children who have passed over the Jordan of death, are inviting me to join their blessed company — the promises of him who cannot lie are before me, my own experience of his goodness should encourage me to trust in him, without wavering. And yet after all we see thro' a glass darkly — why should we cling so to this state of darkness and fear and sin? — Is it not all ~~before~~ light above? — Yesterday our children and grand children from N—n — spent the day with us. Had a very pleasant visit — but I always have to regret that I say so little about spiritual and heavenly objects — at least I might drop a word in the ear of the children, concerning the goodness of him who is ever about their path and their bed, and who is acquainted with all their ways. Wednesday Bethia and Frederic went to Whately — in the morning, returned to N—n and joined the sabbath school party — in the afternoon — Mrs Phelps drank tea here that day. — The day following Mr. Dwight his sister and Sarah Hunt dined here on their return from mount Warren. — I would render my heart felt thanks for the health and comfort we all enjoy; may our conduct prove our sincerity — This day may thy kingdom come and thy will be done —

August 26th wednesday — a week ago last sabbath, Frederic and I went to N—n staid till after the evening service. — Last wednesday Theophilus's wife was unwell, I was there thro' the day and the following night — after breakfast I came home, Helen came at noon and went up and about four in the afternoon she was delivered of a son, with great difficulty and hazard. — It never breathed, but was a beautiful little creature — Theophilus was much disappointed & grieved — he shed many tears over it, and Friday evening at twilight he and Theodore went to the grave yard and laid it among its kindred. ~~Theodore~~ went over the children saturday and carried Helen home. Almighty Father grant thy Holy Spirit to accompany these events of thy providence that they may prepare them for all that they may have to do or to suffer here, and fit them at length to serve and enjoy thee forever. — Theodore returned from Connecticut also on Thursday — where he had been making a visit of about a week. — May these mercies which have been multiplied to us make an abiding impression upon all our minds, that we may be fitted for all thy will — the 15th I remembered as usual, as the day of our dear Catharine's release & that we might be preparing to meet again in heaven. Last sabbath we went to N—n returned at noon — Edward came saturday night stay'd at home all day. — the day was to be remembered as uncommonly showery — great rain and wind accompanied with thunder & lightning, but the Lord preserved us. Edward left us monday morning — that afternoon we invited brother and his family — today we had a letter from Mr. F — may our hearts be suitably impress'd with the goodness of God — and our lives be such as to shew forth his praise. —

August 30th sabbath. Friday I was unwell, kept about till noon, head ache violent, diarrhea and great quickness of pulse — had the Doct. at night, took an emetic which gave relief slept quite well — The goodness of God to me is wonderful — he waits to be gracious — & may I be saved from grieving away the Holy Spirit — my time must be short — another stroke, bids me prepare for one which shall be final. Stand by me O Father in that trying hour. Yesterday Mr H. wrote to Mr. Fisher. — Theodore and F — went to N— this morning — Thursday Bethia and I called at Martha's and Mrs. Tucker's also left Abolition petition with Mrs George Hodge — It is a year since we spent the sabbath in Lebanon, our long course of sickness and suffering then began its terminating was in our dear Mary's death. yes she is surely gone her lifeless precious body has been buried out of our sight, but the immortal spirit which cannot die now lives like the angels of God in heaven. O blessed hope that we may meet all of us and serve God for ever in peace and

May 28th 1848 I commemorate today the birth of two dear children, one as I humbly hope an inhabitant of the city that hath foundations, and freed from the burden of mortality, a companion of angels and sharing in their holy and elevated employments. For him I would offer my most devout acknowledgments, that thou didst so early enable him to begin the struggle against sin, and that thou didst so early give him the victory. Not unto us, not unto us, but to thy name be the glory. For our other son, entering this day the state of manhood, I offer the most heartfelt and fervent supplications to thee, that the spirit of Jesus may descend upon him in such abundance, to perfect the work which I humbly trust thou didst begin even in his youth. Thou hast inclined him to choose the service of Christ for the employment of life — enable him I beseech thee this day, to bring to thee his life the faculties of this mind and body, the first and best affections of his heart, to thee, and lay them down at thy feet, to be consecrated henceforth to thee and the promotion of thy glory and the kingdom of Jesus Christ. O Father accept the service of this day thro' Jesus Christ

July 11th I am yet alive, preserved and spared, tho' such a cumberer of the ground. I have another opportunity of calling to mind the goodness of God to me in the birth of a dear son. The mercies of God to me have been as the passing moments of my life — and his mercies to this child have been as great. Tho' thou hast afflicted him with sickness often and at times severe, thou hast spared him and placed him in a family state — provided for him a companion every way suited to his wants and circumstances, and art giving them the comforts of thy common Providence. With all these and above all I would speak of thy mercy manifested to his soul — that thou hast delivered him from the power of darkness, and as I trust guided his feet into the way of peace —. And now I offer my earnest prayer to thee that they may ever be under thy watchful care and guidance, that the spirit of God may ever abide with them, and make their house like that of Obed-Edom where the ark of God rested — thro' Jesus Christ I would offer this earnest prayer ascribing to thee all praise and glory forever —

July 16th Another birthday calls me to grateful acknowledgement of thy goodness help me O thou who alone art the author of all good influence, help me to find thee present while I seek a blessing on thy servant. Thou hast inclined him to offer his services to thee in the gospel ministry — may he be a chosen vessel to bear thy name before much people — give him great zeal, and fidelity — compassion for perishing sinners, and may he be assisted to follow Jesus in all his imitable perfections — guard him against worldly compliances — may his affections be fixed supremely on the imperishable objects of the future life — and may the woman thou hast given him be a help meet for him — suffer him not to be led away from God and duty by any sensual objects but may he and his wife be united and thoroughly devoted to every good word and work that they may at length be permitted to go up higher and with all the dear ones of our number be ever with the Lord. — thro' Jesus Christ

Oct. 7th This day recalls another interposition of Divine Providence in my favor. The family are all gone, and amid the labours of my hands my thoughts have been occupied with spiritual things — I have prayed earnestly for her who on this day was ushered into being — and made a living soul — for the mercies received thro' her I would render devout thanks to him who seeth the end from the beginning, may I never by my own unworthiness and sin provoke the withdrawal of this distinguishing blessing — Guide her protect her, provide for and comfort her — so that when earthly scenes shall close — brighter and purer scenes shall open to her in heaven. A year ago ~~our~~ dear Mary was taking her leave of this world, I can never forget her patience her humility and cheerfulness amid all her sufferings. I [illegible] to sin by thinking of her last sickness and death — neither would I [illegible] a presuming eye ~~look~~ into the invisible world but I [illegible] than [illegible] thro' Jesus Christ [illegible] the blessed [illegible] which [illegible] for [illegible]

August 9th, Mr. H. and B. gone to N. H.— Theodore and Frederic gone to N—

Feb. 4th 1841— Sixty two years old— and I would gratefully acknowledge the multiplied mercies which have crowned and attended the past year; true I ~~have~~ had sickness in my own person, and a grand child was brought into the world without life— but our lives have been spared and our wants supplied and many unexpected favours have been bestowed— and yet this unholy heart is not yet changed— I pray that there may yet be a renewal of the Divine influence in my heart, that my past sins may be forgiven, and that I may have more strength for future duty.

March 21st— Last thursday was Theodore's birth day— 28 years since God, my ever present help, delivered me from threatening death and great suffering— and put a song of praise into my mouth— The infancy of this child was remarkable for quietness, and soberness— perhaps this was in part owing to my frequent fasting— In the month of February previous to his birth, I observed as a day of fasting and special prayer, the day of the month on which each of our children were born— which were— 4th 8th 11th 7th 24-25 and I had a very deep concern for the souls of my children, and also felt that possibly the coming scene of suffering might put a period to my cares and labours for them, and being impressed with the importance of doing with my might what my hand found to do, and of working while the day lasts I made the effort trusting that He who inclined me to use these means would accept the service, and watch over and bless these precious children if they should be deprived of a mother's cares and tears and prayers. And hitherto the Lord hath bless'd us— He has spared this child— he has made him a great comfort to me, I cannot remember that he has ever by any disrespectful treatment of me wounded my feelings— And now O He who setteth the solitary in families— has given him a help-meet; and I do most heartily commit him and all his dearest interests to thee my covenant-keeping God. On account of illness I did not notice this occasion as usual— This mortal frame is decaying, and cannot bear the strict ~~self denial~~ abstinence which I formerly practised— I beg of him who has the residue of the Spirit, that he would by his presence enlighten and invigorate this dark bewildered mind, and fit me to see with all that I love, the light of Heaven.—

April 11th Sabbath, The birth day of our beloved Mary— I have sought Divine influence to help me in observing the occasion with suitable solemnity but do not feel that vivid sense of spiritual things which I desire. I would remember with a deep sense of gratitude, the goodness of God at her birth, both to me and to her: and all thy merciful dealings towards her, as well as the various weaknesses and sicknesses, and pains and afflictions which rent her feeble frame, but as I humbly hope, were to purify and fit her soul for God— for early death and heaven. Twenty six years have passed: and O how much reason have I to mourn over the sins which I committed with regard to her my omissions of duty— and want of that gentleness which I owed her. O Lord forgive. My prayer must ever be God be merciful to me a sinner, Inspire me I pray thee with a more encouraging sense of thy goodness and the reality of spiritual objects, and O increase my faith, for Jesus sake

April 25th 1841 Edward's birth day— I have offered fervent prayers for him today— God be merciful I beseech thee, and hear and answer and shew mercy and forgive— Truly thou art a God who heareth prayer— may I never doubt this truth but ever act under its influence.— I would remember thy goodness to me and to this dear son— tho' thou has tried him sorely in time past, yet thy hand has supported him, and thou art giving him opportunities of usefulness— and I hope the power and desire to improve them— Father of all, God take him by the hand and lead him in thy own right way— pre[illegible] from every evil way— acquaint him more and more with thee and thy son Jesus [illegible] by the [illegible] fit him for life death and [illegible] thy [illegible] Christ

Sept. 6th 1840 Sabbath. I am at home alone. The family gone to N—H—. I would render thanks to God for the light and peace of this morning— When retiring to rest last night, and on awaking this morning, a vivid sense of dear Mary's last labours and sufferings was present to my mind, and I think I offered hearty thanks that the conflict with her is over, and that she lives and rejoices and serves under the Prince of Peace, and in the companionship not only of her own kindred, but of all the redeem'd from among men. O that I might have the witness of the spirit— that I also am tending thither.

Last wednesday Frederic left us. I desire to thank thee O Father for all the comfort of his visit at home, for the evidence of his sincerity in the work he has chosen, and his qualification for the same. To thee we are indebted for all. And now I bring him in the arms of maternal affection, and earnest prayer to thy mercy-seat, beseeching thee to save him from vain speculations, from self-conceit, and worldliness— and with the Holy Comforter so to fill his soul, that every thing offensive to thee may be wholly excluded.— for Jesus sake

Sept. 13th B. & T. and I went to N—n heard Mr Dwight from these words and the sin which doth so easily beset us. Went to Charles' at noon. Pretty well— thro' the goodness of God. B. and I have been very busy the week past, doing heavy work, but we have been strengthened and sustain'd— O that I could say I have been assisted in self-command— Must I ever have to lament my weakness— my sins. O that looking to Jesus I might conquer. Great Father bless the Christian world, and may the gospel of thy son reach every distant nation, and truth and righteousness every where prevail—

Sept. 20th Edward came yesterday— How much are we favoured in seeing him often; under all his burdens and embarrasments, we have much for which we should be thankful. May we cast all our cares upon the Lord and find support and pardon. Last year at this time our afflictions were upon us; but the great trial of all was our dear Mary's sickness and death; may the memory of those scenes, abide with us to purify and elevate us— and prepare us for death and Heaven.— Bethia has been staying with Eliza two or three days. Mrs. Lyon is expected tomorrow. We had a letter from Frederic last week. The goodness of God has been manifested to him in his outward circumstances; O that his gratitude and obedience may be in some degree proportionate

Sept. 27th Today B. T. and I went to N—n. Mr Dwight's text was, Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler &c. Most people are looking for great occasions upon which to display great virtues— But in the every day duties of life all may exhibit true moral greatness. Our most important duties are those nearest to us, Here and now are two important words. In the morning he expounded the beatitudes.— O Holy Spirit help all to profit—

Mrs. Lyon drank tea here Friday – thursday Mr. H. and I drank
~~tea~~ Charles's. Saturday B. T. and I called at Mr Ward's and
Mrs. Charles ~~Hitchcock's~~ Charles and his family, and S. Ly=
man and his ~~wife~~ and two children drank tea with us, after our
return. In the evening we had letters from France. Thurs-
day I sent a letter to Frederic, and one came from Edward
Sabbath evening Oct. 11th We all went to N— excepting B. Mr. Branch preach
in the morning from 16th chapter Matt. 25th verse. For whosoever will
save his life shall lose it &c — To find life or happiness a man must
subdue his carnal selfish propensities and live the divine life,
which will be eternal. This afternoon Blessed are the pure in
heart for they shall see God. Such preaching as I never expect to
hear again – The whole sermon seemed ~~to~~ to be one continual flo
of the most beautiful language and the most pious and sublime
sentiments – May God indeed dwell in him and prosper him f
extensive usefulness in his kingdom – and may his preachin
this day be the means of advancing the cause of Christ abundan
Mr. Dwight and Mr. Branch called on us on Friday – Thursda
Mr. H— and I met some friends at Theophilus's – Friday Mrs Lyon
left us. Bethiah went to N— monday, stayed till thursday – Eli
went over today to stay a few days.

These are the days which last year were full of anxiety – the dear
one we trust has gone where sickness and death and pain and s
can never come – all tears are wiped from all eyes – O that we
may all of us be prepared to meet again in a better life.

Sent a letter yesterday to Lizzie Fisher – B sent one to Freder
Theodore got home from Con. Tuesday.

Oct. 18th 1840 – We have been to N—n today. Mr. Dwight preached all day
from these words Matt. 6th 25. Behold the lilies — It is our dut
to look abroad upon the works of God, and learn to love and adore
his wisdom power and goodness – It is wrong to look upon this m
nificent temple which he has fitted up so beautifully for o
temporary residence – without offering to him the best affectio
of ~~our~~ hearts. I have received some information of late which has
been as cold water to a thirsty soul – I have been permitted to s
the answer to some of my poor prayers – my wrestlings and long
and praying and fasting, I begin to hope. I have not been in va
should I have an encouraging ground for this hope, I trust I shall b
enabled, to set apart a season for special thanksgiving and pra
to him who heareth prayer – Last evening Bethia had a letter from
~~and~~ one came to him from Lizzie Fisher. Tuesday we had a letter fro
Edward, informing us of some disappointment in his expectation
I earnestly pray that all his trials may be improved by him
his more entire and increasing holiness. Wednesday the 14th
B. and I went to the grave yard and carried some plants, which w
placed over the resting place of our dear Mary. O Father of our
spirits, bring us all at length to the peaceful everlasting rest of
heaven – thro' Jesus Christ our Redeemer – amen.

Oct. 25th We are at home today, may this day of rest, refresh our spirits as well as our bodies, and may our earnest prayers be heard and answered in the name of Jesus - Last week I wrote to Edward and Frederic B. to Georgette, we had letters from Mrs. Fisher and Lizzie Last night one came from Edward to Frederic - Friday one from Edward. For the bounties of divine Providence, and health and strength to enjoy ~~and~~ improve them may our best powers unite in giving glory to God and the Lamb both now and forever - I feel deeply a sense of guilt - of great unworthiness - None but almighty power and mercy can forgive and purify - my desires are to thee cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me

Nov. 1st Edward came last evening - we intend to accompany him this afternoon to Northampton to attend church. Received a letter from Frederic last evening - we have not heard from William for several weeks. Seasons and months are passing rapidly away - The splendour of our autumnal forests has vanished - so it is with all earthly things while we gaze they disappear. O how important to secure a firm hold of that which never can decay even durable riches and righteousness - a union with Christ, which will insure to us a union with all goodness in all worlds and will be eternal. -

Nov. 8th At home again - Theodore gone to Conn. It is a privation, that we cannot attend public worship regularly.. But it is a mercy that we have the use of our reason, and health and limbs. that we may approach God in prayer, that we may read his word, and the writings of good men, that we are not driven by persecution into dens and caves of the earth. I have been reading today in Abbots Young Christian, and have found I hope some hints to assist me in my duty. The last week I have been depressed in spirit - dark discouraging views of my own character and prospects have presented themselves to my mind - and I can say with intense feeling who shall deliver me from the body of this death.! would that I could say as the apostle did, I thank God thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday Mrs. Phelps call'd here Wednesday T and B. went to Northampton and made a visit to Mr. Tuckerman with T. and E. - Simeon Huntington and his daughter came from Lebanon, went away before noon next day. In the afternoon Deacon Williams, and wife and Miss Walker visited here. T. and E. also - Friday Charles brot his family over, call'd here, and drank tea Theophilus; Mr. H. and I made a visit at Charles Hitchcocks - a busy week, a sinful week -, and a tearful week.. O Lord pity pardon and purify me for the sake of thy dear Son who alone is worthy.

Nov. 15th Raining - and all at home - been reading in Cases of conscience - and Wayes history of saving faith. ~~bible~~ and hymn book. have felt a desire to meet one evening in a week with our neighbours for social worship - but it will be probably like many other desires which cross my mind, of no practical use. Shall I ever arrive at that state where these desires after improvement for myself and others will be realized? And God thou knowest. O pity a poor worm who lies in the dust of sin and darkness, scarce daring to lift an eye to him who is ~~infinite~~ in Purity- and will by no means clear the guilty.

"Yet gracious God where shall I flee
"Thou art my only trust,
"And still my soul would cleave to thee
"Tho' prostrate in the dust."

Last thursday we went to N-n dined at Charles- did some errands came home at night. Before we went in the morning, Mr. Beckwith agent for the Peace Society call'd here. Wednesday Mr E. Clarke & Charles and their wives drank tea here. The darkness and doubt which hang over my mind prevents all good communication, and thus I am in a very unhappy state- God be merciful to me a sinner. Theodore got home from Conn. wednesday night.-

Thursday- Nov 26th Thanksgiving day- Edward came last night- Charles & his family also- Theophilus & Eliza as it was stormy they staid all night- return'd after breakfast- left Fanny here- we endeavoured to sing praises to God last night and this morning at the family worship- had a little peace in the exercises- I have been endeavouring to call up grateful recollections, but the cast of my mind is darkly and cloudy- truly I ought to be thankful for the multiplied mercies which surround me- that I am so far preserved from a bewildered mind, that I am not really in a state of delirium I would be thankful for all temporal favours and beg that thou wilt increase in us light and hope and love and gratitude- I have thot much of the dear departed ones- as well as the dear absent and earnestly pray that we may all at length meet in thy heavenly kingdom never more to separate.

Sabbath Dec. 6th The snow falls fast and we stay at home. Mr. H. gone to Deerfield to preach. Last sabbath we went to N- heard Mr. Clapp read two of Doct. Channing's sermons, prayers by Mr. Farness. Bethia and I went to Northampton on wednesday- got home soon after dinner, very much urg'd by Helen to dine there. Friday Mr. H- and myself drank tea at brother's. The past week has come laden with blessings, and yet sorrow has fill'd my heart- a sense of guilt presses heavily upon my mind at times- nervous depression and nervous irritability conspire to render my condition far from pleasant to myself ~~&~~ and of course troublesome to my friends. I have not as yet seen so low but that I can say "From the depths I cry unto thee." Should God punish me with distressing pain, it would be less than I deserve; O thou who didst send thy Son to suffer and die for sinners, give me strength and faith to hold on in my weary way, that when death comes, the shadows and darkness may flee away, and this polluted soul freed from the sins of this mortal state forgiven and made holy- may be permitted to occupy some humble place among the redeemed. And O I earnestly pray ~~that~~ this may be at length the happy condition of all that are mine according to the flesh-

Dec. 27th 1840 - This is the Lord's day, and I am again permitted to make mention of his patience and mercy toward me. tomorrow will complete three weeks since I was taken down by distressing pain, and obliged to have recourse to bleeding &c - partial relief was soon gained, but entire freedom from disease I have not yet found, perhaps I never shall. I am however generally free from pain, and able to be about the house and contribute in a small degree to the services of the household, I would now endeavour to resign this body which thou hast preserved from death, to thy service - thou knowest, that although I am so prone to offend thee, still it is my sincere and earnest prayer that I may be pure in heart, faithful in duty, and submissive to thy will. knowing my constant failure in every thing I come to thee beseeching that I may receive such supplies of the spirit of Jesus, as shall enable me in some way to promote thy glory - be pleased to point out for me a path of duty which I may follow, which shall preserve me from selfishness and gloom, and help me to lose my own troubles in the welfare and happiness of others - may I not ask thee to provide for me the means of promoting righteousness and peace, and true holiness? - During this short confinement I have received gratifying tokens of the affection and kind regard of my children - this I feel to be wholly undeserved; my deficiencies in duty, rendering me wholly unworthy of their favours. I pray O Father that thy Spirit may produce in me that repentance which is connected with pardon and eternal life. Help me to believe to the saving of my soul - Last sabbath Edward was here. the week before we had a letter from K-n telling us of the birth of a daughter. Friday Christma T and E. and F and B - went to N - took tea at Charles's, attended the celebration of our Lord's Nativity in the evening. yesterday Mr. H - went again to Deerfield - This afternoon T and B. & Dr have gone to Northampton - I ask O Father in the name of thy beloved Son, that we may all whether near or distant be blest with health, but especially with healthiness of spirit, and that thou who hast formed their spirits, wilt so regulate and purify them, that we may at length reach that state of purity and peace, which alone can satisfy an immortal spirit. -

Jan. 17th 1841 - I have spent a week or two at N-n with Helen, came home last tuesday - just a week before Frederic came from Cambridge. we have had letters from France and would thank God for all his goodness to us and to our friends. yesterday we ate supper at Theophilus's - with Frederic. Thursday Bethia spent part of the day with Helen. -

This cold weather deprives me of secret communion with the great Invisible, and with Jesus, and spiritual objects. - May the blessed Comforter supply the deficiency by more direct communications to my soul - cleansing me from sin, and lifting my affections above the things of time. - Last evening Edward came. The rain today keeps us all at home - may a blessing reach us even here, and may the kingdom of Christ be advanced every where abundantly on this holy sabbath -

Feb. 8th 1841- Yesterday we all attended divine worship at N—n - Mr D—
preached and administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper. In
the morning his text was Lo I am with you alway even to the end of
the world- The spirit of Christ is ever with his sincere followers
this thot is most cheering to the humble and devoted- and is it not
an incentive to watchfulness and prayerfulness- the tho't of our depart-
=ed friends, of their being often with us, of their christian example while
living with us, is comforting, much more the tho't of Him who
so loved the world as to give his life a ransom for many,
should animate us to all selfdenial and purity of heart and life
May we not hope, since our heavenly Father works by instru-
=ments, that our dear ones who have pass'd on to the invisible
world- may be commissioned, to minister to us while we are
following on thro this vale of tears; for tho' mercies more than we
can number come to us every moment, still we bear about with
us so much that is unchristian, (this war in our members warring
so successfully against the law of our mind-) ~~occasion~~ that our passage
thro' life is often embittered with deep regrets, and inward sorrow.
In the afternoon, the text was, this one thing I do forgetting the
things that are behind &c very encouraging to ~~[illegible]~~ all who
are in any measure concerned for their spiritual interests-
I pray most earnestly that the truth delivered yesterday may be
to me and all who heard it a savour of life unto life.

Feb. 28th Sabbath. All gone to N—n but Eunice and myself. Since I last wrote, Theo—
has brot home a wife; on the sixteenth inst. he went with his brother
and sister to Hartford- where Frederic and Edward joined them, and the
next morning he was joined in marriage to Elisabeth Sumner. My
earnest prayers have risen daily and nightly, for a blessing upon them.
Friday evening we had a few of our relatives to welcome them. I most
devoutly pray that the connexion may be for our furtherance in the
christian course, and that all our domestic affairs may be so arranged,
that no root of bitterness may spring up to trouble us. On tuesday Fred-
=eric expects to leave us; we have had a long and pleasant visit from him
I notice with gratitude to God, from whom all good influences come, his kind
attention to his mother. His care to contribute to my peace and comfort. This
I mention, because it seems wholly undeserved. Indeed when I look back up-
on my own course of conduct, I am fill'd with shame and sorrow, for my
deficiencies in filial ~~duty~~, as well as ~~frater~~nal duty and kindness, and I ~~can~~
exclaim with the publican God be merciful to me a sinner. He has not
rewarded me according to my transgressions. His mercies have been more than
I can reckon up. I have enjoyed much peace and comfort in the domestic
relations; and if changes come, I cannot expect them to increase my enjoy-
=ment; indeed I have little to expect or wish from a continuance in this
world- my great desire is that while I live, I may be permitted to contrib-
in some degree to the good of those around me, and be blessed with that pea-
and his Son Jesus Christ,
and hope which springs from intercourse with God, to a better life, and an inter-
that my departure may be peaceful, and the entrance and that all mine may
=course with all the good that I may join the dear departed ones, and church of the first born, whose
at length be gathered to the general assembly
names are written in heaven.-

March 7th The riding has become heavy, by a fall of snow last night, and we are all at home. Theophilus came down this morning to request his father to perform divine service here, but he declined - so we must seek instruction, and improvement each for ourselves. The throne of grace is accessible to all, for though thousands are seeking audience of the King of kings - none are excluded; and it is a most encouraging thot, that no costly offerings are required, but that the humble and contrite heart he will not despise.- Last tuesday, Frederic left us again - As he took leave, the tho't of his loved companions, now no more with us, rushed across my mind, and compelled the starting tear to gush forth:- but I do not repine, I cannot wish them back to this dreary tempting world.- I would go to them. fain would I follow in their steps, and reach the blessed state of holiness and peace.- Charles came home a week since quite oppressed with a heavy cold but he seems somewhat relieved - The Lord perfect his begun goodness.- Last evening we had letters from France. Thanks to our unwearied and ever present Friend for all his mercies to these our distant friends and to us all. Instead of rendering any suitable return of service to him, I must continue to ask of him those further influences of his spirit, which are necessary to serve him even at all, and thus increase the obligations which already lie upon me. Father of mercies, who hast given thy Son to be our Saviour, grant this day that he may see of the travail of his soul; may his truth spread thro' the earth - may Satan fall like lightning from heaven and thy reign of righteousness commence throughout the world--

March 21st Last sabbath day instead of worshipping God in his house, I was in a sick bed, attended by a physician, with thoughts wandering and worldly - and tho' striving to fix them on better objects, striving almost in vain.- Bethia dear faithful patient angel of mercy, stood near, and again would I acknowledge to thee O my unfailing friend, my obligations to thee, for such a support to my tottering steps. It cannot be long before my feet will stumble in this earthly course, and my eyes now dim with age, will close forever on mortal scenes. Be it my chief my only care to obtain the pardon the approbation of Him who is now my witness and will then be my judge.- Mr. Fisher arrived here last monday left his family well in Tours 1st February - will return soon. He with the rest of the family excepting Eunice and myself, have gone to N-n. May the Lord of the sabbath bless his own day and his own institution and ordinances to the salvation of many souls. The prospects of our society are discouraging - few come to our solemn feasts, the solemn truths delivered from time to time, seem to fall upon the ear unheeded. O thou God of mercy arise in thy might and in thy majesty and conquer the stupidity which pervades the human heart - give to thy praying people more earnestness in their prayers, and let it not be in vain that the gospel is in our hands. May it speedily be sent to all the nations of the earth and every living soul feel its holy influence.- I have today been reviewing some letters written by our dear Whiting and Catharine ~~which~~ and Mary, which I hope may not be without some profit to my weak and wavering mind.

March 28th All at home today on account of the snow. We had letters
last evening from Edward and Frederic. I also wrote to E last week
but under such gloomy feelings, that it had been better perhaps
if I had not. Satan desires to have me that he may sift me a
wheat, O that Jesus would intercede for me that my faith fail
not. - that he would cast out the evil from my heart, and trans
form me into his own holy image. - Fastday Edward at home, and Dunfi

April 11th Mr. H and I at home. The weather unusually cold. Where
will our wants be supplied? Lord grant the warm influences of the s
and cause the earth to yield her increase, no arm can supply our nee
but thine. Father pity us. But above all things send light and
warmth into our souls - that we may in some feeble manner glorify Christia thee fo

April 18th 1841 - All at home again - rainy in the morning - If we had a minis
ter whose labours were more agreeable, perhaps we should not be prevented
from attending worship by such slight causes, It has proved a very clear
pleasant day tho' rather windy. I have made it a subject of daily pray
that our religious teacher might preach the pure truth, and not his
own speculations, and that he might bring from the treasury of
Divine truth things new as well as old. ~~I have prayed earnestly~~
that he who ~~is our guide now~~, may be placed in a more useful station
and a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit provided and sent
to us, who shall faithfully warn rebuke and admonish, and not
with smiles and soft words, confirm the worldly in their evil courses
O heavenly Father our hope is in thee, our help must come from th
As I was reading the account in Exodus, where Moses besought the
Lord to shew him his glory, I was struck with a new view of
the subject, the Lord said unto him I will show thee my back parts
but my face thou shalt not see. May we not understand by these
expressions, that what is future or before the face of the divine
mind cannot be known to mortals but what follows after him, the
impress of his footsteps we may see. -

April 25th The past has been a solemn week - On Friday there were three
deaths Genl. Porter - Mr. Hall and Mrs. Charles Hitchcock - we went
to N-n to attend worship, and return'd to attend the funeral of Gen.
Porter - Mr Dwight preach'd from these words in the morning that
ye walk in newness of life - - in the afternoon - for this corruptible
must put on incorruption and this mortality immortality -
we found our dear Mary Elizabeth very sick, and to appearance
nigh unto death - but the Lord can bring back even from the gates
of the grave - my prayer is unto thee - I dare not ask with importu-
-nity for her recovery but that the spiritual good of all concerned may be

promoted - thou knowest what trials and corrections the parents and all of us need, be pleased to to order all events with regard to them and their children that the fruit of all may be to take away sin - give them more faith spirituality - prayerfulness and communion with thee their Heavenly Father, support thine handmaid in her weak state and visit them not with sorrow upon sorrow -. I confess with shame my sins of discontent, the abominations which prevail my heart - thy Power alone can overcome and forgive them. Lord I cry unto thee make haste to help me. Bless thy people spread thy gospel and let Jesus see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied.-

May 2d. The family all but E- and I gone to N- m- yesterday made calls in Hadley - Col. Porter, widow of the Genl's Martha's, Charles Hitchcock's - Theophilus had a violent attack of fever Thursday .. but by the blessing of God on the means used, has so far recovered as to attend worship at N- m today may he and his wife be duly affected by this providence and be effectually taught to live more for eternity, for God and duty and Christ than they ever have done. Last monday the associations met here - Mr. Smith, Rogers, Everett, Nightingale, and Dwight were here; left Tuesday after dinner -. The weather has been uncommonly cold this spring, we have not had a warm day yet. To the eye of sense the prospects looks dreary - but faith teaches us that nothing is too hard for the Lord. Looking at our sins as a community we have reason to expect scantiness in our supplies - but this correction may be necessary to bring us back to him whom we have as a people neglected and offended. Father of mercies, are there not some praying souls among us? - help every one of this number to arise and enquire wherefore it is that thou art withholding from us the warm influences of thy sun - Is it not because we have become cold and dead in our spiritual life? - God of life and hope whatever thou deniest of temporal good, I beseech thee send not leanness into our souls - — I would thank the Author of all our blessings for his goodness to dear little Mary - with the offering of gratitude I would send up a fervent prayer, that the parents' hearts may be more weaned from earthly objects, and more intensely engaged to secure for themselves and their precious children the gifts and graces of thy Holy Spirit - O let the gospel of Jesus Christ be extended thro' the world and slavery and war and darkness and sin flee before its blessed light

Sabbath May 23d - 1841 - Mr. H. and I at home. Bethia gone to N- H-y Theodore and wife gone to Conn. It is near three weeks since I was taken down with a violent cold, accompanied with so much inflammation that bleeding became necessary - this reduced the fever, but the effects of the disease remained and continued a fortnight, indeed I still feel in my head something of the complaint, and my whole frame seems weakened. To day I feel better than I have at any time, and hope I may yet recover strength before I go hence to be no more. But I am thankful to be able to say that I do not feel anxious. Tho' I am sensible of a load of sin, sins of heart and life more than I can reckon up, still I must hope that he who has given me this hatred of sin and sorrow on account of it, will not at last gather my soul with sinners. I trust in him that he will grant me faith and patience to do and bear all his will - enable me without dismay to quit the present scene of things, and thro' his abundant mercy join the company of the purified in the presence of God and the Lamb.

Eight times within two years, I have been so sick as to require medical treatment. my constitution has become enfeebled - and I have enough to remind me that my time is short. God grant that I may improve the little that remain, that death may be gain, bringing me home to my Fathers house, and to the society of the good who were here my delight.- Saturday after I was taken sick Frederic came home, (Edward also came with him and went to Deerfield) his visit was very pleasant to me and his attentions very comforting, cheering by his lively remarks the dullness of a sick room. Last Friday Mr. H. B. and I accompanied him to Springfield where he took the cars for Cambridge, we came back to Cabotville & lodged and got home yesterday before dinner, having been remarkably prospered in all our ways. Surely goodness and mercy follow us continually. Not least do I regard the attention and kindness of such a daughter as our heavenly Father has provided and preserved to me in my sicknesses and weakness. I do indeed feel humbled - I am not worthy of the least of all the mercy and the truth which have been shewn me, and must cry - God be merciful to me a sinner. For many months a burden has lain heavily on my mind, and I have besought the Lord day and night either for grace to support me or deliverance from it - now there is a prospect of relief - may it not be found at last that any wrong measures have been taken but may good and only good consequences follow. - Theophilus' wife has been sick a fortnight, but is getting better - may they both make a suitable use of all thy dealings with them.

May 30th 1841 - Sabbath - We have all been to N- to worship - Mr. Dwight preached from these words, who is sufficient for these things? - a review of his course of preaching during the past year. Charles has written him a letter informing him of the dissatisfaction among the people - many are indignant, and urge him to stay and try a different course. what the result will be God only knows - I have long brot the case before God in prayer - entreating him to provide employment for him in some other place - and to prepare and qualify and send to our society a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, who shall gather together the people and not divide and scatter them - who shall preach the simple truths of the gospel and not the vain speculations of human philosophy still do I leave all with thee and pray that my son may be discreet and kind and say and do nothing of which he shall have cause to repent. Fred he brot Helen Fanny Mary and the baby before dinner, spent the day Thursday Mr. Chaffin came after Fanny and carried her home. God grant that it may be for good to her and to all -

June 6th 1841 – We have been to N–n this morning – Mr Dwight's sermon was
upon these words – be of good cheer I have overcome the world – we are
so constituted as to find satisfaction in overcoming difficulties – this
we find true with regard to things temporal, but the most important
of all conflicts is that which we have to maintain with the world.
if we fail to engage in it we shall become more and more enslaved
but if we once renounce our subjection to its customs and laws, and
become the faithful servants of Jesus Christ, by strength derived from
him we may in answer to prayer, and earnest persevering effort
we may hope to come off conquerors – During the long days the second
service will begin at six o'clock – of course we shall only attend
the first, and perhaps not constantly even that. May God in mercy
grant us his presence and blessing at home that our few remaining
sabbaths be not lost to us. Our precious children who have gone
on before us to the spiritual world, serve our God, as I trust,
day and night without weariness or imperfection – & that I too might
partake of that pure and holy temper even here that when death
comes it may bring no alarm but an earnest desire to depart and
be with Christ which is far better. Since my last illness I have
been wonderfully blessed with cheerfulness of mind, and as our
Father gives these things in answer to prayer, I am looking round
to see who has been so kind as to bear the case of my depressed and
darkened mind before the mercy-seat – Let God be praised for to
him is all glory due. I would not fail to mention with the most
heartfelt gratitude to him, the relief I feel in the absence of her who
was to me such a trial. my daily labour is a pleasure, for I can
enjoy my own thoughts – God grant that I may be directed so to employ
my thoughts and my time as to promote his glory and my own spiritual good.
The Lord's supper was administered. I was assisted in giving some atten-
-tion – O Father forgive the sins of my holy things. and let thy truth
have free course every where, thro' our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Yesterday Theodore returned with his wife from Eastford – her mother
came with them.–

June 13th Theodore went to N–n with Bethia and me this morning, Frank too.
Mr. Whitney from Cabotville preached from these words, the very hairs of
your head are all numbered. On the Providence of God. He not only
has a general superintendence of all his works, but he exercises a partic-
-ular care over every individual, and every event. – This it is which
makes him our Father, and gives us confidence in him – we should
improve this subject as a motive to zeal and fidelity in his service – as an
incentive to faith and trust – It was a good sermon, no attempt to lessen
the force and meaning of the text, but to urge to its belief, and a correspond-
-ing practice. Friday Theodore carried Mrs. Sumner, his wife and me to
Northampton, drank tea at Charles's – called at Mr. Hitchcock's – yesterday
& Theophilus's family and ours with Mr. and Mrs. Phelps drank tea with Theodore
Thursday I wrote to Frederic and Friday Bethia had a letter from him. O thou
who gives me health and quietness, light and hope, fill my heart with the
most devout gratitude, to thee for granting the favours which I have been
so earnestly seeking – may I never cease to trust in thee as a prayer hearing
God, and may I persevere in supplicating for my children those spiritual
blessings which I know they so much need – Look on our society and increase the
number of those who seek and serve thee –

June 20th 1841. Mr H. gone to Bernardston. Theodore and wife, Bethia and I went to hear Mr. Dwight this morning. Text, John 8th 31st If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples -- Mr Dwight has asked a dismission one week from tomorrow there is to be a parish meeting to decide what shall be done. Almighty Ruler of all events, in this critical, difficult time, be pleased to take the guidance of our ecclesiastic concerns, and let nothing be done rashly - may the professed followers of Jesus; pray without ceasing for light from the source of truth and life - may each individual make daily supplication to God that no root of bitterness may spring up, but that wisdom and harmony may prevail among the members of our society, and that we may have a pastor sent to us who shall be sound in the faith, not fearing to declare the whole counsel of God, willing to make known the terrors of the Lord and his threatenings against sinners, as well as the promises and encouragements of the Gospel by our Lord Jesus Christ.-

The season is now in the heigth of its sweetness and beauty - can we fail to lift up our hearts to him who crowneth the year with his goodness - who maketh the earth send forth flowers in abundance to perfume the air, every gale comes loaded with sweets, and melody is in every breeze; - "If God has made this world so fair
Where sin and death abound,
How beautiful beyond compare
Will paradise be found!". O cheering blessed hope - This world is not all - our dear children taken from us in the spring time of life, O how we long to see them, our hearts yearn to meet them, to hold communion with them. how can we endure the thot of final separation; Merciful Father! carry us all in thine arms - till we reach the pure and peaceful rest of Heaven. to dwell forever with the Lord

June 27th Mr. H. went yesterday to Cummington carried Bethia with him to Charles's. I am really alone - while eating my solitary supper yesterday, I thot of dear suffering Mary, shedding tears at the thot of being the last leaf - I thot of sister Lyon who for many years has lived alone - and I thot of Rose, and mourned that I had not done more to alleviate the severities of her lot. - and I thot of Him who had meat to eat that the world knew not of - I have devoted this day in addition to its common duties, to a special remembrance of our religious Society, before the mercyseat - I have had great encouragement of late to pray in hope of being heard and answered - May God preserve me from a presumptuous hope, and save me also from unbelief and distrust of his goodness -.
Theodore and his wife chose to remain at home, and I am endeavouring to fix my thots more intensely on unseen and spiritual realities. It seems unpleasant to spend the sabbath at home - when the doors of God's house are open, but if it is plainly our duty, we ~~[illegible]~~ may hope for acceptance in our private duties - I have denied myself the usual indulgencies of appetite, eating "no pleasant meat" today, this I do to prove to myself my sincerity, and believing that with these sacrifices God is well pleased - our great Master, tho' the Son of God, yet set us an example of self denial, and mortification; in our humble degree we would try to follow him, leaving ourselves our services our friends and all the interests of his kingdom in his hands, whose is the right to govern and to whom be ascribed undivided and everlasting praises thro' Jesus Christ our Redeemer

July 4th We all went to N. heard two very good sermons from Mr Lippitt in the morning from these words Luke 15th 10 - Likewise I say unto you there is joy in the presence of the angels of God &c on repentance clearly and plainly shewed the necessity of repentance - man is an object of regard and attention among the angels and God the infinite God, so loved the world &c in the afternoon Proverbs, The heart knoweth its own bitterness - We left Bethia home and Grills - Mr. H - gone to Athol - Father forgive us and accept us - for Ch. sake

May 24th 1841 - Charles our first born is today thirty nine years old - I look back to this period, thro' scenes of comfort and ease of heart rending sorrow and joyful hope, and can say hitherto the Lord hath helped me. He has laid his hand upon me often by sickness, by the loss of friends and children, and has thus been calling me back from the world, to himself. O that his chastening rod may indeed bring me to a more intimate communion with himself. But for my dear son I would now plead. thou O Father hast prospered him as to temporal things, thou art giving him a plentiful supply for him and his family of the bounties of thy providence, for them I would thank thee. But they are not the one thing which I have ever sought for him with earnestness and importunity - Thou O God knowest how constantly my prayer has been sent to thy throne, for the life and health of his soul - for the rich blessings of salvation for him his wife and his children; and now on this occasion, O thou prayer hearing God I implore once more the abundant effusions of the Spirit of Christ O make him I pray thee a pillar in the church, help him to be forward to every good work - dispose him to lend his aid to bear up the ark of God which seems to be sinking - and when human means fail, do thou take the work into thine own hand - and carry it forward - incline many to mourn over the desolations of our Zion and unite their prayers for a revival of pure religion among us. May this my son, feel bound to bestow his alms on all suitable occasions, not of constraint but of a ready mind convince him that thou has only lent him the means of doing good and may solemnly devote to thy service such a portion of his property as thou requirest, doing it as to the Lord and not to men.

On the eighth I was sick the occasion was not forgotten but I endeavoured to employ my thoughts in a suitable manner. O Lord forgive the sins of my duties

May 28th The birth day of our dear departed Whiting and Frederick - I have remembered them often, and endeavoured to lift up my heart to Him who who delighteth to show mercy, both in earnest prayer and in grateful acknowledgments of his mercies. For, all the evidence I have been favoured with respecting the salvation of him who has passed away from these earthly scenes, I would praise and thank thee who art the Author of life, eternal life, to all that believe - may he who is yet spared to us, be assisted to attend diligently to his studies that he may become a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. Fill him O Divine Spirit - fill him with light and zeal and the pure spirit of humility and self denial that he may be employed in promoting the glory of thy name and the salvation of sinners - Thou O Father hast carried me thro' pains and perils and sickness and sorrow, may all these prepare me for that state where there will be no more toil, but God will be our glory.

July 14th Last sabbath, 17th was Theophilus' birth day - by a strange weakness of memory which painfully increases, & and some other circumstances on that day the event was forgotten - I have since endeavoured to plead with peculiar earnestness for him, that he may receive new and abundant supplies of the Spirit of God, a more constant and comforting impression of his watchful and merciful care, and that instead of being depressed by adverse occurrences, he may be able to say tho' he slay me yet will I trust in him To thee O Lord most Holy and God most merciful I commit him soul and body for time and eternity - thro' Jesus thy beloved Son whom thou ever hearest

July 16th Anniversary of Williams birth day - thirty seven years have passed since and tho' three of our dear children much younger have passed away from the scenes of earth, he and I have been continued, may it not be to fill up the measure of our iniquity but to serve and honour him who has spared us hitherto, I beseech thee strengthen him to the arduous duties in which he is engaged and may the Holy Spirit ever guide guard and bless him and all his thro' Christ our Redeemer -

Oct. 11th Mr. H's birth day - increase within him all holy dispositions; and help us ever to remember our frailty - our sinfulness and mortality - and bearing these ever in mind, may we commit our souls to thee as to a faithful Creator -

Last ~~Thurs~~day Bethia was 36 years old - on account of company convened on the occasion of Edward's marriage, which took place on Monday previous, the anniversary was forgotten - but I hope it has been remembered acceptably since - I can never as I ought acknowledge the goodness of God to me, all my life long - I would thank him for preserving to me so long such a blessing - one and then another of my beloved daughters on whom I thought to have leaned have been removed, and it should teach me to seek and feel the presence of him who is always ready to sustain and comfort his children. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ - that we sorrow not for the departed as those who have no hope. To him I look for a blessing on this dear child whose birth I now notice. At that time my parents were with me and partook of our joy - now we hope they are among the spirits of the just made perfect - and our dear departed son also - these ~~have~~ I treasures laid up in heaven - granted I hope in part, in answer to the prayers, which the Holy Spirit inclined me to offer up in their behalf - And now O my Father I implore a blessing on her, even thy cleansing comforting elevating spirit - encircle her in the arms of thy love now and forever, thro' Jesus Christ our Saviour in whom thou art well pleased

Feb. 4th 1842 - Sixty three years I have been a sojourner in this vale of tears but to me it has also been, in many parts of it a pleasant journey - how many have been the streams in the desert, how rich and various the tokens of the divine goodness to me and mine. Even in the bereavements I have suffered, how much of mercy has been mingled - The last year no heart rending sorrow has been sent to me, the number of our precious ones we hope has not been diminished - But the sorrows of life will again return O for the abundant, all conquering grace of God to fit us for the conflict - If O Father thou shalt spare us another year, may it be more faithfully improved than any of my former years - And O do thou prepare me to do or to suffer all thy will - with thy presence and blessing nothing can harm me. keep me near to thee and let not the enemies of my soul prevail against me. When death shall come O Father leave me not alone but bring me safe home to thy self - thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen.

April 7th The 10th of March occurred when I was unwell, but it was not forgotten or unobserved - my desires ascended to the great Father Allmighty in his behalf and I would bless and praise thee who hast been so kind to us all - still how far we are from that degree of purity and true devotion which I long to attain Lord help me and in the use of all proper means may we all advance in the christian course - till present scenes shall be exchanged for those which are perfect - satisfying and everlasting. -

April 11th Dear Mary's birthday - may she ever be dear to me in this life - and that higher and lasting state whither I trust God hath fixed her happy dwelling - for the blessings of her birth her life and her death I would lift up my heart in devout gratitude and praise to him who is the sole author of all goodness and mercy. I trust he will not turn away from the offering tho' made in much sin and weakness - & that it might be accepted as the prelude to that sublime and eternal song - which shall be poured forth from all mine and all the redeemed thro' the ages of eternity - thro' Jesus Christ amen -

May 6th 1842 - On Edward's birthday 25th of April, I was not at home, & my health has been feeble for many weeks; but I do not forget my former method of observing these seasons - the abstinence I am not able strictly to practise but the earnest supplication I trust I shall never omit while life and strength and reason last. It is very certain that my frame is decaying - I have felt a sensible diminution of strength owing to a nervous headache, which has troubled for more than two months - it seems however to be gradually wearing away; for which I would render to God a tribute of praise unworthy indeed but I think sincere - I would again offer to thee O Father my prayers for this dear son - that he may be more entirely fill'd with the Spirit of Jesus, and assisted to know and do all thy will.

May 9th This is the birth day of our dear Elisabeth, and our dear departed Catherine - half the time since ~~her~~ birth of the latter ~~she~~ has been in the invisible world. living I humbly hope to God, doing his will and enjoying his favour in a manner altogether inconceivable by us who remain in this dark wicked world. but blessed be his name for all the precious hopes with which he is indulging us - the hope of arriving also to that state where we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is - where we may meet again these precious ones and all the pure in heart, forever to adore and praise that rich grace which was and is ever manifested in him who loved us and gave himself for us even Jesus Christ the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. -

Our other daughter surrounded by the temptations and difficulties of an ensnaring world - and a rising family, I commend earnestly to rich and abundant grace manifested in Jesus Christ; the weight of care and responsibility is great, but those who trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion which cannot be moved. may she experience this support, and continuing stedfast in duty may she at length see the goodness of God in the salvation of all her children Father of compassion God of the ocean as well as of the dry land, prepare for them a safe passage over the mighty deep, and if it please thee grant us to meet in the land of the living, and serve thee with renewed and increasing fidelity, until thou shalt bring us home to thyself in heaven - thro' Jesus the ever living and prevailing Intercessor to whom be glory forever

Hadley May 29th - On the 24th Charles' birthday - I was in Boston - and could not notice it as I wished - Now O Father of all good influences - I come to intercede for this precious soul. How many years have I been looking and longing for a more entire consecration of his soul and spirit to thee. I would now plead as did Jacob of old, I cannot let thee go except thou grant my petition - the power is thine and hast thou not assured us, by thy beloved son, thy chosen messenger of mercy and truth to sinful man, that thou art more ready to give thy spirit to them that ask it than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children - and can we believe this, and yet pray with so much coldness - Lord increase my faith and help me to be in some way instrumental in his religious progress but thou alone hast all hearts at thy disposal - and thou delightest in mercy - I earnestly beg that thou wilt qualify him more fully to honour religion both in his public relation and duties, and in the important station of the Father and guide and teacher of immortal beings - Glorify thyself in him his wife and family and prepare us all to do thy will and enjoy peace and holiness forever in heaven thro' Jesus Christ our ever living and prevailing Intercessor. -

May 28th The birth day of a son passed into the heavens - Glory be to God even the Father, who hath given us such a hope concerning him - for all the evidence which he left behind him of a heart subdued and purified by the Holy Spirit. O that we who are left may have more of the witness in ourselves - that we are following on in the same path - may we frequently look forward to that future world ~~and~~ to Jesus Christ, and our dear children and friends, who have gone thither and draw encouragement and hope and faith for all need - as we come nearer to the invisible state may we hold more frequent and cheering intercourse with unseen realities and indeed have our conversation in heaven. This also is the birth day of our dear Frederic - who is just about to enter upon the work of the gospel ministry - a great work indeed - my earnest prayer for him is that he may be filled with the holy Spirit - that the divine influence may dispel from his mind and heart, all those opinions feelings and dispositions, which are contrary to the Spirit and example of Jesus Christ - and that he may be ever heavenly minded and spiritually minded that he may be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed - I would notice with heart felt gratitude, thy goodness in so far providing for his education - in preserving him from vicious practices - in causing him to choose even from his infancy the way of virtue it is all of thy goodness and may the glory all be rendered to thee - thou hast mercifully spared me to hear him proclaim the glad tidings of salvation - for this I would also praise thee and while I live may I never cease to pray for my children and for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

July 11th 1842 - I am spared to notice the birth day of another of my children Theophilus has been a sojourner here 31 years - I lift up my heart to thee O God of all the spirits which thou hast made, in grateful remembrance of thy goodness both to me in the time of my distress and danger, & to him ever since he was brought into being. may the discipline with which thou hast visited him, turn to his spiritual improvement - teaching him lessons of heavenly wisdom, and preparing him for a state of higher and holier service in thy kingdom above. Thou who knowest all hearts, knowest that it is my earnest constant prayer, that he may be kept from sin, from the too eager pursuit of earthly good, and enabled to hold all the blessings which thou hast given him as at thy disposal and to be improved for thy glory. Hear O Father Almighty answer and forgive, thro' Jesus Christ thy Son. amen

July 18th Saturday the 16th was William's birthday. 38 years since he breathed the breath of life - I would notice thy goodness O Father - looking back I find much to make me humble and penitent, to make me mourn over my ignorance negligence and evil example - and O how much cause have I to praise thee that thou didst turn his wandering feet, his unbelieving heart to know and love and serve the God of his fathers - and that thou hast put him into the ministry, and enabled him to preach the faith which once he rejected, O for such a sense of thy rich mercy as may call up within me those lively affections of love and gratitude, which shall be an offering well pleasing to thee - and now I bring him to thee beseeching thee to make him faithful in all duty, even unto death thro' Jesus Christ to whom as the head of the church be everlasting praise

Oct. 7th The birth day of Bethia has returned, and we are still living; mercies are flowing in upon us, more than we can number; I would now look back to the time of her birth, and think of the mercies with which I was then surrounded - and every moment since has come to me full of the blessings of thy providence - and what shall I render to thee O Father, for all thy goodness - and I can make no returns but as thou givest me the power - the return which I make for all thy favours. is to ask for a thankful heart, and thy grace to help my infirmities and make me faithful, and acceptable - The soul of this precious one I bring to thee - shine into her heart, cheer her with thy forgiving sanctifying spirit - direct all the events of her life, so that she may enjoy thy presence in life death and heaven hear me O thou everpresent spirit, and to thy great name shall be all honour and glory thro' Jesus Christ our great Intercessor, to whom be praise forever amen -

Feb. 4th 1843 Saturday evening - How fast the years roll off! - Sixty four years I have been a sojourner in this world. The hand of a kind Father has led me along most mercifully; and I have subsisted on forfeited favours - the last year has been mark'd with many interesting events. During some of the first months I suffered, but not very severely, from a complaint in my head - and afterward lost the power of recollection for a short time - but in all these troubles the Lord was my helper and my deliverer. For many months past my health has been uncommonly good - and I have had less of depression on my spirits than usual. But I would not fail to notice at this time the mercy which has been so signally manifested toward our youngest child - O thou who art the Author of all good - help me to raise a tribute of gratitude to thee who hast led him so kindly - provided for him a parish, where there seems to be a prospect of doing much good - that thou hast given him talents and the means of cultivating them, which render him acceptable as a preacher - but I cannot reckon up the multitude of thy favours even to one of my dear children, how much less can I count the blessings temporal and spiritual which are constantly flowing in upon all my children and grandchildren - During the last year our daughter and her family have returned all safe, from a foreign residence of three years continuance - And now what shall I say? - Goodness and mercy have followed me all my days. I would pour out before thee my earnest prayer, that what little of the present life remains for me, I may by thy grace be enabled to devote more entirely to thee - and thy service - help me to triumph over my inward enemies - and whenever thou shalt put a period to my life here, O forsake me not - send thine angel to strengthen my faith and hope, and bring me home to thyself - with all that I love, to meet again those precious ones who are now we trust, doing thy will and enjoying the society of all the redeemed in heaven -

March 18-1843 - Saturday evening - The birth day of our dear Theodore - Spared and blessed as we have been all our lives, and preserved to see this anniversary in health, and peace, I would cast a glance backward thirty years, and bring back ~~some~~ of the events of that period -. Thro' a scene of great distress and peril, I was upheld, and strengthened, and enabled to look to him, from whom alone our help cometh. He it was who helped me to feel for many weeks such a deep concern for the salvation of my children - and who has never suffered these impressions wholly to subside - and who will say that prayer is unavailing -? Can I, who ~~have~~ so often have had the very things granted which I asked? - Let me never again distrust the unfailing goodness of the Almighty Father! Again I commit to thy merciful keeping this dear son - surround and guard him by thine Holy presence, enrich his soul abundantly with heavenly truth and the spirit of Jesus thy Son, unfold to him the riches of the gospel salvation, and make him to know the love of God which passeth knowledge - grant him the witness of the spirit - the light and peace and purity of thy children, and may Christ be formed within him the hope of glory - to thee I would commend him thro' the Son of thy love in whom thou hast declared thyself well pleased.

April 15th 1843 - The anniversary of our beloved Mary's birth day - may ~~my~~ grateful acknowledgements rise to our Father in heaven on this occasion - I have endeavoured to thank him for the estimable and lovely endowments both of body and mind with which she was blest, especially that she left such a cheering hope that her peace was made with God. that she gave utterance or rather made a record of the experience she had of the religion of the gospel in her own soul, and now as it cannot be long before I too must pass thro' death - I supplicate thy presence and support while I remain here, and an entrance upon that state which Jesus thy beloved Son so graciously revealed - My beloved parents, and three precious children - I trust, are among the redeemed in heaven - I pray that I may not lose the sweet remembrance of them nor ever lose sight of the mercy of God as manifested in Jesus Christ which is indeed unspeakable, far beyond our feeble conception, or our highest praise It is matter of devout thanksgiving that when we ~~arrive~~ lay down these frail bodies and quit this state of temptation sin sorrow and death we may be able to join in the sublime and perfect service of the pure and holy in heaven.—

April 25th 1843- Thirty six years ago Edward first saw the light of this world- He has pass'd thro' many scenes- and so have I- we have both had trials- we have both mourn'd over the early dead- thrice our hearts have been wrung with anguish-. The dear child has had a rough way in some of its paths- but that covenant keeping God, who never fails those who seek him has at length placed him in favourable- and comfortable circumstances- given him a pleasant companion, and agreeable home, and now my daily and nightly prayer for him is that he may be able to render some suitable return for all these blessings- man cannot be profitable to God- but he may by a diligent course of patient faithful duty- prepare himself for a higher and holier state- where he may become like the angels and join in the services of the blessed in heaven- may see Jesus the great Redeemer, who has become our salvation- and opened for us an entrance in to that peaceful and pure abode- God grant that we may every one of us meet in that world thro' Jesus Christ our ever prevalent Intercessor-

May 9th 1843- Yesterday was the birth day of Elizabeth and Catherine- the former came here yesterday- she is busy, occupied with preparing to keep house- full of plans and labours- God grant that the one thing for which all others are designed may engage her supreme regard and her first attention- O thou who didst incline me to give her up in her earliest infancy to thee- remember in mercy the Dedication- and help her to make this dwelling which they are to inhabit a house of prayer. revive in her mind and heart those impressions which may have become dim thro' a course of wandering, and frequent change of place- and of religious privileges- make her and all the family, truly devoted to thy fear and service- And now what shall I say of the loved and loving one who is gone to a brighter world- I would say from my heart blessed be God, for giving me such a child- and tho' desolation and despair follow'd me after her removal, the influence, which accompanied her death, upon the hearts of our surviving children- ought to enable me to say blessed be God for taking her away- her character was the personification of charity as described by the Apostle- and truly it was well that she was so soon removed from this wicked world- and secured from the evils of this sinful stormy life- may we all be at length united in thy presence thro' Jesus Christ amen

May 24th The birth day of our oldest child- he is now growing grey- forty one years have pass'd away since I was made joyful and I hope thankful for deliverance and the gift of a precious immortal being- I have borne him upon my heart, and carried him to the mercy seat times without number- day & night I have implored for him O Father thy sanctifying Spirit- and now that he is increased and his children are multiplied and his means of living provided- I beseech thee help him to consecrate all to thee, realizing always that he is not his own but bo't with a price- thou seest how truly and earnestly I desire his spiritual improvement turn not away from the voice of my prayer, but for him his wife and all the dear little ones- may mercies infinite and eternal be prepared and bestowed thro' the intercession of thy beloved Son whom thou always hearest-

May 28th This day is memorable for two events, interesting in their nature and lasting in their consequences- the birth of our dear departed Whiting, and our dear Frederic- for the former and all that was virtuous and encreasingly lovely and desirable I would again render to thee a tribute of sincere and heart-felt gratitude- the thing which I had ardently desired for my children was granted to him before he left the world- a strong and lively faith in thy word and a hope full of immortality- set forth in a life corresponding thereto- O Father shall I not in a better life, render thee some worthier offering for blessings so unspeakable!- For the other our dear F- what more can I say than beg of thee to continue and encrease in his life and character those virtues and graces, which are so essential to the usefulness of a minister of the gospel- hold before him ever the holy and heavenly example of Jesus Christ and help him to live not to the flesh but the spirit- I would not cease to thank thee for those endowments which seem so important for this office- all have been given by thee, and unto thee and thy blessed son may they all sacredly & entirely devoted- grant these my requests in the name of him who is the all prevailing advocate. —

Hadley July 18th 1841 Mr H— gone to Bernardston — B. and I have been to Northampton heard Mr. Stone in the morning from Phillippians 3— 13th 14th Forgetting the things that are behind and pressing forward &c On hope — this afternoon Matthew 5th Blessed are the pure in heart ~~pure~~ He considered the idea, the limit and the power of ~~the~~ purity of heart — Theodore and his wife detained by her ~~having~~ been sick last night — Yesterday Frederic came home in safety and health. Praised be the Lord for all his goodness — I pray that our intercourse and conversation while together may not be all of a worldly nature, but may the Spirit of God move upon our hearts, and help us to stir up each others minds by way of remembrance. Last wednesday Mr. H— was invited to baptise Charles's infant, we went and I hope the services were acceptable to our Father in heaven — O that parents and children might live before ~~thee~~ here, and that we may all meet and serve thee in heaven — O Lord our God bless the preached word, convert sinners, comfort thy children, overcome all evil and may thy kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord —

July 26th Yesterday Mr H— preach'd at Cummington — the rest of us excepting Bethia went to Leverett — Frederic preached in the morning from these words in Galatians It is good always to be zealously affected in a good thing — in the afternoon this was the text — For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God but not according to knowledge — on false zeal — It touched my feelings even to tears, when he rose and prayed for a blessing on the exercises — Is not the dearest wish of my heart granted with respect to him — what obligations am I under to my heavenly Father, that he has so signally granted the things I have asked of him — And now my earnest prayer for him is that he may ease in wisdom and

knowledge and true christian zeal - he is young indee
to become a teacher of righteousness - twenty two
years old - but do we not read that out of the mouth
of babes and sucklings God ordains praise - hear my
earnest prayers for him - and may he be himself
eminently a man of prayer - meek, humble and
watchful - have thine eye always upon him for
good, and help him to serve and please thee Lord J - C -

August 1st We have all again been to Leverett (excepting Mr H -
, who is at Vernon) and heard Frederic speak in the morn-
ing from John 6th Whosoever drinketh of the water
that I shall give him &c - in the afternoon - Gala-
tions 5 - 25 If we live in the Spirit let us walk in the
spirit. two excellent sermons - O that the Spirit
of God who only giveth life, may by the truths this
day delivered quicken many drowzy and earthly
souls - bring a deep seriousness upon many who are now
seeking happiness in things which can never satisfy the
cravings of the undying spirit - Last Tuesday Frederic
went with B. and I and Fanny to North— - Thursday he went w
us to Deerfield - Saturday morning Experience Wells came
and stayed till this evening. went to Leverett with Theop-
ilus - And now I would with the most heartfelt grati-
tude, notice the goodness of Him who heareth prayer -
never let me distrust thee in future. keep me ever
and keep us all - and O keep thy young servant,
from every evil, and prepare him to be a burning &
shining light, and prepare for him a station in thy
church that he may preach Jesus Christ, the power of
God and the wisdom of God - - To walk in the Spirit
is to live always and act as in the presence of our God
and Judge - so may we live, and then dying will be
going home to our Father's house -

August 8th We have again heard Frederic speak to the people in the morning the text was taken from Psalms Cleanse thou me from secret faults - in the afternoon, a good man out of the good treasure of his heart &c - May the Divine Spirit enlighten and sanctify some precious souls by the labours of his servant. - I thank thee heavenly Father that thou hast permitted me to hear this dear child speak in the name of Jesus. and lift up his voice in supplication to thee - may he be ever guided and assisted, in the solemn duties of the ministry - and find indeed that thou art with him. - Last Tuesday spent the day with Mr. Hitchcock, thursday Charles and Mr. Pearce & their families made us a visit, also Mrs. Willis & Whately.

August 15th This is the day of the month and the day of the week, on which our dear Catherine closed her mortal existence. eleven years have passed away - and two more of our number have been taken from the engagements and hopes and labours and sorrows and sins of time, and we hope admitted to the presence and communion of God and the Lamb. To see God as the pure in heart see him, to drink of the water of life, of which if a man drink he shall never thirst - to join the great company who fall down before the presence of him who liveth forever and ever, to be certain that our sins are forgiven and to live ever under the smiles and influence of him whom we now follow afar off - this is what we would strive after every day and every hour. In that blessed state we hope also to meet again those we so ardently loved here, and whose salvation we so earnestly laboured to promote - All these unspeakable blessings are held up for our encouragement, to animate us in duty, and to strengthen us in the hour of trial. The days of my pilgrimage cannot be many - my mortal part is decaying, and the powers of my mind, always weak and poorly cultivated, partake largely of the benumbing influence of old age of this I would not complain, but pray that when the closing scene shall come, I may depart in peace, and having in some faint degree been faithful unto death, may I receive the crown of life. - this I ask not only for myself but for every one whom I love, especially all my dear children - thro Jesus our Saviour. - Helen Williams has been
B. and I stay at home | with us three or four days. -

August 22d - The rain this morning detained B- and I at h
Theodore went with Frederic to Leverett. - my disappoi
ment in not going was great. too great - may it teach
me in future to overcome difficulties - the rain was
and the day has been very pleasant. I have too little
decision - I ought however to examine my motives -
was it not selfishness which excited this strong desir
a wish to hear this dear son speak - or was it a
desire to listen to the truth, conveyed in an agreeab
and engaging form.? O searcher of hearts - make me
to see my own heart, and with thou to cleanse and
strengthen me, that I may serve thee and enjoy thee
forever. I beseech thee give success to all the means of
religious improvement and may the world be fill'd with
the glory of God, as the waters cover the seas. -
Theophilus was unwell last week, but thro' the good
=ness of God he is again well. - Praise the Lord O m

August 29th At home again today - no worship at Northampton
or Leverett - Theodore and F went to Hatfield this morning -
this afternoon F- went with Theophilus - and C. - to Hatfield ag
For three days the weather has been wet and cloudy, but the
has been little rain - so it is with spiritual things, the
means are abundant - but where are the fruits of the
Spirit? Does joy and peace pervade my whole being? - I a
ashamed of my unfruitfulness O Lord forgive the sins of m
best services! Last wenday Mr. H- B. F. and I went t
Chesterfield, staid all night - next day dined at Charles;
and came home before night. had an agreeable ride and
visits. The Lord is our keeper. - Frederic's visit to us this
summer, has been productive of much enjoyment to us
all. and I cannot but feel a little sad, as the time approa
=ches for him to leave. Tomorrow he will go to Cambridge f
several days, preach at Leverett next sabbath, and go to Ware
the day after. may the blessing of our covenant-keeping God go w
him, shield him from danger and aid him in duty - with thee w
are always safe, employed in thy service we shall be happy -
may this be the blessed portion of me and all that I love here an
in the life to come. Had a letter from Mrs. F- last week all well. -

Sept. 5th 1841- Sabbath evening- Mr. W- gone to Bernardston. Theodore and his wife stayed at home on account of her illness- rest of us went to Leverett- Frederic preached in the morning from 1st Peter 3- 15th and be ready always to give an answer, &c. On the duty, of examining the bible for ourselves, and forming our own opinions on religious truth- in the afternoon on singleness of purpose- this is a supreme regard in every thing to God and duty- after the exercises, Frederic went on towards Warwick. Blessed God Author of all our comforts and hopes, I thank thee for all the mental and moral gifts which thou hast conferred upon him I thank thee for the enjoyment we have had in his society- that thou hast made him such a lovely and pleasant son and brother- may it please thee to use him as an instrument of of advancing the kingdom of our blessed Saviour on earth confirm and strengthen in him all good dispositions and holy desires, if it please thee, let him live to serve thee here, but above all prepare us all to meet, and serve thee in thine upper temple- Edward came from Deerfield to Leverett this morning, returned to Cabotville this evening- I ask for more entire submission to thy will so that in sickness or health, in prosperity or adversity, in life or death we may all be thine only and forever.- thro' Jesus Christ

Sept 11th We have all been to worship at Northampton. Mr Ellis preached this morning from John's Gospel, 8th- 34- 35- Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin, and the servant abideth not- &c a very able serious and interesting discourse. May the Author of all good influences, make it effectual in rousing to serious deep thoughtfulness many who are worldly and far from righteousness- let not thy word return to thee void- make it like the fire and hammer and let the effects of this days duties reach even into heaven. This afternoon Mr. Judd's text was in the fifth chapter of John- will ye also go away-? may we say with Peter, Lord to whom &c In the destitute condition of our society we look to thee. we are a weak and ignorant company- deficient in every thing which is pleasing to thee and I fear there is not a man among us who would unite in prayer with the church, to seek guidance and influence in this the time of our need. Can we expect a blessing- I do earnestly pray that many may be deeply impressed with a sense of our need- and may unite in secret earnestly to supplicate thy presence and blessing- punish us not as our sins deserve. —

Sept. 20th Monday - yesterday Mr. H- and I went to Leverett - hav
:ing Bethia at home when she might with perfect convenie
have gone - I shed many tears on the occasion, and perh
committed sin - if so the Lord forgive me - but how could
see her deprived of the privilege without reason, and
not feel grieved - as a dispensation of Providence I
ought to submit, but it appeared to me a piece of in
=justice and unkindness - Frederic preached in the
morning from these words Whatsoever things are honest
&c -, on the duty of allowing our fellow christians to
enjoy their innocent opinions - they should not be inju
in their feelings or their consciences or their opinions
with regard to religion - In the afternoon - Truly
the light is sweet and a pleasant thing it is for the
eyes to behold the sun - on contentment. Blessed
be the Author of all our mercies for his goodness to the
our Son, and to us. For all the faculties and powers
with which thou has furnished him and for all the
enlargement and elevation which thou hast gran
-ed to those powers may thy name be praised and
magnified, and may they all be consecrated entirely
to thy glory — Last week Elisabeth had friends from
Woodstock left this morning -
Sept. 26th Sabbath evening - We have all attended worship at N-n - Mr Ellis's tex
in the morning was in John 11th 25 - I am the resurrection - Christ is
the resurrection as he revealed those truths which when believed rais
from a death of sin to an endless life of holiness and peace. he is also
the resurrection as he opened to his followers a blessed hope of
the resurrection of the body after death - because I live ye shall
also - if Christ is not risen our faith is vain - In the afternoon
the text was in Romans 12th - 12th Patient in tribulation - the gro
of our patience must be humility, and faith - a firm belief that
our trials are designed for our improvement - and to assist us

in the exercise of patience we must fortify our minds with those heavenly thots which may lead us, to more indifference as to the events of time, and make us desire chiefly the approbation of our God- Moses endured as seeing him who is invisible-. Last Wednesday we dined at Edward Clarke's- the thot of going was not pleasant I feared nothing would be said or done to help forward the soul in the heavenward course. I however spoke with Mr. Ellis, who lodges there, about the decaying state of the sabbath school- He told me today that next sabbath he should teach the boys him-self, and gave notice that if any had withdrawn for want of a male teacher, they were requested to attend, as a teacher had been provided- I am sure we may adopt the language of the prophet with regard to our church and society- "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small?"- But God is able even of stones to raise up children to Abraham. To him I look and pray that he would pour out upon the people the spirit of grace and supplication- that there might be praying men and praying women raised up who shall not cease to intercede, for a revival of his own work.

Oct. 3d Today it is rainy and Theodore is not quite well, so we have all staid at home; Mr H went yesterday to Bernardston to preach today. Edward came yesterday on his way to Deerfield- tomorrow he expects to be united in marriage to Helen M Williams- May God the merciful Father of his human family smile on the connection, and make them blessings to each other and blessings to all around them- instead of seeking happiness in worldly objects, may they by a devout regard to thy favour and will, be laying up treasures in heaven daily committing themselves to thee, may they find the peace of God which passeth understanding. Yesterday Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Clarke called here. We have been greatly shocked, by the dreadful murder which was lately committed in New York- ~~the~~ There is every reason to suppose the guilty man is one who when a boy spent many months in our family- the thought is appalling- it chills my blood, and imparts terror to my feelings- may it lead me to earnest prayer that he may truly repent, and find mercy- O Father preserve me from doubt, and fear and unbelief. regulate my feelings- cheer and strengthen me in all my weakness- remember also all my children and friends and make them all thine wholly and forever- and help me also to pray for the success and spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ- that war and violence and slavery and oppression and profanity and intemperance and sabbath breaking and impurity may be entirely destroyed from the earth, and peace and truth and righteousness fill every heart- thro' Jesus Christ our prevailing intercessor.

amen--

Oct. 10th We have all been to worship at N—n. the weather has
been mild and clear, and all nature around, seemed to harmonize
with the peace and serenity of the holy sabbath. Mr. Greenw
preached in the morning from these words, and yet I am not alon
because the Father is with me. Human relations and sym
-pathies are a great blessing, and highly to be prized, but
every one should be able to stand independently of this f
in strength derived from God. We have not strength in ou
-selves, we must seek and obtain it from above— In this
respect Christ is our example as he should be in every
thing else.— Mr. G. Ellis administered the Lord's supper, with
much feeling— this afternoon he preached from Acts 10th — 4th
Thy prayers and thine alms &c piety to God and charity to
men must combine to form a devout person.— there can
be no true morality without devotion of heart to God—
All our duties to men must spring from a principle of
love and obedience to God.— Father in heaven bless all
the means of religious improvement which we have enjoy
this day and them not be worse than lost upon us. May ou
church be watered with heavenly influences, and the powe
of God be manifest in the revival of thy work.—

Last Monday Edward's marriage was celebrated, the fami
all went excepting myself— next day they came here befo
dinner and we had friends to drink tea with us. the
day after they went to N—n— dined at Charles's, dran
tea at brother's— Thursday Charles and Helen Fanny and
baby, dined with Theodore, we also— all drank tea
at Theophilus'— Friday morning they left for Cabotville
may the God of the families of the earth— ever dwell with
them by his spirit— surround them with his favour a
a shield, and nourish them up unto everlasting life.—

Oct. 17th We have all been permitted to attend worship at [illegible]—
Frederic came home yesterday noon, and we heard him pre
this morning from Galatians "Whatsoever a man soweth
that shall he also reap— We are not punished for Adam's
every individual is accountable for his own sins— This
afternoon the same subject— the unreasonableness an
danger of the Universalist doctrines was exposed— as contra

to the general teaching of the bible — and the explicit declarations of our saviour — God of mercy and power make the instruction of this sabbath, mighty to convince of sin of righteousness and judgment to come — the retribution in each soul begins with accountability — and goes on thro' life more or less clear and decisive as our consciences are tender or hardened by sin. — Today I have done a duty which I have intended some time to do; Lord thou knowest whether a blessing will follow. I desire most earnestly that a church may be formed in among that people — thou knowest how many praying men and women are longing to remember Christ at his table — God of thy people who delightest to grant thy spirit to those who seek it — hear our united request and let a revival of religion be begun and carried on. and may Christ be honoured in his own institutions —

Last thursday was the anniversary of our dear Mary's death. we spoke of her often, and at our evening worship sung the hymn which was sung at her funeral — In vain ~~our fancy strives to paint~~ God grant that the effect of all our past sorrow may be to prepare us by a life of humble and hearty faith and love, to join in the high and holy services of the upper temple. B had a letter last week from Mrs. Fisher — Mr and Mrs. Baxter drank tea here. —

Oct. 25th monday evening — yesterday in consequence of colds half of us staid at home) Bethia Theodore and Frank went to Ch— Mr. Ellis preached a sort of funeral sermon, two children of Mr. Bliss having died of whooping cough last week, and buried in the same grave —.

Nov. 7th We have been to Northampton today. Theodore staid at home he carried his wife to Palmer last wednesday — left Bethia at Cabotville, and returned home with her thursday at night. Mr. Ellis preached this morning from these words. whatsoever is not of faith is sin — if a person has not a principle of faith if he does not habitually act from a desire to please God — he is a sinner — we are all saints or sinners — there is no middle state. This afternoon the text was in Romans, Hast thou faith? — have it to thyself before God. — we are not to intrude our opinions upon others, nor attempt by force to bring them over to our views - they may be as sincere and acceptable in their religious views as we are. - Yesterday forenoon Charles brot over Helen, Mills, Mary and baby, and left them while he went to Amherst. -

Last sabbath I had a signal blessing from him who hears pra I had thott with much pleasure of going to Leverett on th sabbath and had carefully attended to my health, that my cold might not trouble Frederic nor keep me at home. but after all saturday night my cough increased, and after going to bed began to be chilly and then feverish. had a restless night - but sweat profusely before morning As soon as it was light I rose hoping to feel better, but by the time breakfast was ready, I had to lie down, however I soon rose revived, and ate two or three mouthfuls of breakfast, which seemed wonderfully to relieve and strengthen me - so that I rose up wi the family - and enjoyd highly the exercises of the day.

The morning's text was these words in the parable of the prodigal son, I will arise &c. in the afternoon ye cannot serve God and mammon - both excellent sermons. I a thankful that I have been favoured with these opportunities of hearing this son preach - his qualifications for his work seem to be highly gratifying, and his services sought for - all this however without the grace of God in his heart, will be of no avail. It is my earnest prayer that God w perfect that which concerneth him - save him from being puffed up, and fill him with the charity which edifieth. -

Oct 27th Elvira West was married to Timothy Stockwell Gaylord - they were married here, and may God bless them in time and eternity -

Nov. 14th We have all been to Northampton to worship. carr a letter for Mrs. Fisher, to Mr Hopkins - Friday had a letter from Frederic. Mr. Ellis' text this morning was i the first chapter of Judges. - the name of the other wa Ruth - from this simple touching story he took occasi to recommend family piety - - to maintain peace in families, there must be much self sacrifice [illegible] [illegible] love to God. This afternoon - the te

was in Genesis I will not destroy it for ten's sake—
God of ~~truth~~ bless the truth which has been spoken
today- both among us and elsewhere- may it sink
deep and abide in many hearts, and bring forth
the fruits of righteousness- to the glory of thy name.
and wilt thou who rulest among ~~the~~ nations—
cause to cease from off the earth, the abominations
with which it is now overspread. may war and sla=
=very and intemperance and sabbath breaking, &
profanity, and impurity be utterly swept away
from our land and the world, and Jesus reign King
of nations as he is King of saints, to the glory of God the Father.
Dec. 4th Sabbath before thanksgiving Frederic preached for the last time
at Leverett, and Mr. H. B. and I went with him; Theodore brought
him home from Warwick the day before; his sermons were good
and interesting- text in the morning "whether ye eat or drink &c"- in the
afternoon "Be stedfast &c. I regard it as a signal favour of Providence that
he has preached so near that we could attend and hear him.
I would not indulge selfish gratification, but I would raise my
grateful acknowledgments to the Author of all Good, and pray
to be enabled to render some tribute of obedience in return.
F- went to N- Tuesday morning, staid till wednesday night-
when Edward and his wife and Charles and his wife, and Mr.
Ellis came to supper; the three last went back that evening.
Edward and wife went to Deerfield next morning-. Bethia and
Frederic attended worship at N- heard Mr. Ellis preach from
these words- Ye shall keep the feast of ingathering at the end of the
year. Several days previous we had been rather press'd with
business, and I felt great weariness; but was supported and
endeavoured to lift my thoughts and affections in gratitude to
God. but alas! I do not the things that I would. and have ever
occasion to say God be merciful to me a sinner- pardon the
iniquity of my holy things. Sarah T. and Eliza left us wednesday
morning at five for Eastford returned in safety last thursday-.
Frederic went with me to N- to meeting last sabbath- left us
for Cambridge last tuesday morning- In view of all the mercies
which have been so multiplied to us and ours, I would call upon my
soul to bless and praise him who is the health of our countenance
and our God.—

Sabbath Dec. 5th Bethia and Theodore gone to Northampton. I have been reading in Flavel's fountain of life – and the review of Robinson's researches in Palestine – and some other pieces – I rose before six the morning. I love to devote an hour in the stillness of the morning twilight, to prayer and praise – it is good before the cares and labours of the day begin, to fortify our souls, by intercourse with the Author of our spirits, and of all good influence. The goodness of God to me and mine has been great, since the last annual feast of ingathering – death has not been commissed to take away the desire of our eyes with a stroke. and since last May, I have had no sickness which required the aid of a physician. At that time the Lord prospered us in finding a place for her who had become to us so burdensome and unprofitable – Our dear Frederic too, who was becoming straitened as to the means of paying for his education, has been put into business which has yielded to him a timely and encouraging supply. From all these instances of the goodness of God may we be excited to renew our vigour and zeal in the christian course – always trusting in Him who has never forsaken us. I ask that I may be assisted and directed to do something for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom something more than offer my poor tho' earnest prayers that Jesus may take to himself his kingdom, and become King of Nations as he is King of Sts

Sabbath, Dec. 19th The family have gone to N— to worship today – and Frank & I stay at home. Last sabbath Mr. C— and B. stayed at home. Wednesday our sons and their wives mad Apthorp a visit Mr. H— and I went to Charles I felt many reproaches of conscience for my negligence during that visit – there seemed to be an evil spirit in my heart to prevent all free communication from me to those whom I wished to benefit – the unkind and wounded feeling between two of my children, have given me much pain – I had resolved to try for a reconciliation – but I said not a word – a dumb spirit seemed to possess me. I meant too, to have said something to Millo to lead his thots to God, as his father, bringing upon him pain & sickness of body, in order to fix his thots and desires upon the treasures of holiness – but no not a word of all this. Better far better to shut my self up in solitude – than to mingle with my friends to so little purpose. Had a letter from Fredric and sent one to Edward. Yesterday B. and I made a visit at Paul's – I feel a great concern for David their child, and would gladly help to have him trained & governed and brot up for God. Lord help. Help me O Father to help others, and let me no longer be useless and inactive – show me what to do and how to do it. In the name of Jesus O hear and answer & forgive

Jan. 1st 1842. Saturday evening - Another year has closed upon us, and borne to ~~the ear~~ of our heavenly Father, ~~at the ear~~ a record of all that we have thot said or done. Mercies have followed me and mine, the destroying angel has not been sent among us, and tho' sickness has visited some of our connexions, yet the Lord has been merciful and granted relief. But how have we improved the multiplied favours of the past year? - Has the thot of God and, Christ, of heaven, and duty, been ever pres=ent to my thots? - Have I used all proper means to subdue the sins of my ~~heart~~ - of my temper and disposition? - have I been faithful to instruct and warn and exhort those who are within my influence? - To these solemn questions I must answer with shame and confess my deficiencies - Father of mercies, Be not strict to mark iniquity - for who then can stand in thy sight? - Look on thy Son - behold the advocate and Intercessor, and accept and forgive us all in his name. and may this year witness our increasing zeal and fidelity in serving thee and in doing good - If thou spare our lives may we serve thee more diligently - and whether living or dying may we be thine -. A week ago ~~last tuesday~~, Mr. Ellis and his ~~brother~~ made us a visit, and Mr. G. Ellis preached a lecture in our room - the present week we have visited Theodric's - Theoph=ilus' - and Col. Porter's family made a visit here: tomorrow Bethia intends going to stay with Helen - two or three weeks.

an. 10th monday - Mr. H - and Frederic gone to Northfield to attend Association. Frederic came ~~from Cambridge~~ home last friday - yesterday we heard Mr. Adam preach at N— - in the morning his text was, "to the poor the gospel is preached - an excellent sermon - Wise and great men generally address the higher classes -- but Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the despised - the oriental meaning of the word poor is, that class of men, who are deprived of their rights If the great law of love were fully kept, what a different world would this be. in the afternoon the text was wherefore then serveth the law? - In divine Revelation the world is under the government of one Infinite and perfect being - who has given us his will in the scriptures of truth. -

Jan. 23d 1842. Sabbath evening. Entirely alone, as to human companions, but not so in reality— a sense of the presence of the great and good Father, secures peace and comfort, more real and satisfying than that of any earthly friend.—

Jan 25— Tuesday evening— Interrupted by company— Last sabbath, Mr. Huntington preached at Brattleborough, and Frederic at Greenfield— Bethia came home wednesday— returned sabbath—

30th Sabbath forenoon. Mr. H— gone to Upper Mills, Theodore and E— also— none of us able to go to N—n— by reason of sick horses.— Last week Theophilus had company— James Porter and wife Upthorp and wife Elizabeth Gray— the same day Mr. Ellis dined with us and drank tea with them. Yesterday Benjamin Allen and his wife called here, and visited at Theophilus'. Frederic went yesterday to Brattleborough to preach, intends going to Warwick to spend part of the week, and preach there next sabbath, while Mr. Smith goes to assist Mr. Brown. Frederic was at N—n thursday, slept at Charles'— they were all well— thanks to our heavenly Father.— My strength has held out wonderfully— but what is best of all, the Divine Spirit so regulates restrains and guides my wayward will and my corrupt passions and propensities, that I have been blest with a peaceful tranquill spirit; how thankful should I be for this! A sense of pardoned sin, of trust in God, of communion with invisible things, of union with Christ, these are things which make us happy— these we shall carry with us into the world of spirits— these will fit us to join again our dear departed friends— our dear children, purified and exalted, no more subject to pain sickness sorrow sin & death, but ever strong and active, never weary, never negligent of duty, never fearful and unbelieving; O how can we wish to remain in this dark sinful, polluted world?— Merciful Father prepare me and all mine to arise and depart, since this is not our rest. Father glorify thy

Feb. 6th 1842 - Another birth day has past; and I am sixty three years old - I hope I had some right feelings on the occasion. The Lord forgive the sins of my holy things - my life is certainly drawing to its close, and tho' for many months I have enjoy'd comfortable health; yet I desire every day to realize that my time is short; I wish to feel a realizing sense of the certainty of death - and what a solemn thing it is to stand before God in judgment - I dare not come in my own name, but in his, which is above every other. he hath declared himself the author of eternal salvation to all that obey him - truly I desire to obey him; sinful and unworthy as I am, if I long for any thing, this is to be wholly conform'd to the Divine will, to the image and spirit of Jesus. I have had a still time the past week - time to think of my departed children, to commune with things invisible - may the spirit of God enliven and strengthen all my good affections - and confirm me in every good word and work - - Mrs. Rodney Smith made us a visit last tuesday - Friday had a letter from Bethia, Edward and Frederic - been reading in the fountain of life - encampment of Judah - right vision - back sliding and recovery - etc this is the third sabbath I have stay'd at home, may I have blessing even here - and may thy worshipping people & Father receive thy blessing, and the whole world be saved thro' Jesus thy beloved Son, to whom be glory forever amen.

April 10th Two months have pass'd since I made a record of my thoughts; in this time I have enjoy'd much and suffered in some degree, from a pain over one of my eyes - but it has nearly left me, and I have been permitted to join the assembly of worshippers in the house of prayer Mr Coolige preach'd in the morning from Luke 10th but one thing is needful - nothing else can make us happy. the experience of all teaches this - the pleasures of this world its innocent pleasures without the sanctifying power of religion cannot make us happy - and amidst its clouds and storms we cannot live and securely we cannot die without it. this afternoon - 1st Timothy meditate upon these things give thy self wholly to them... the means to be used to obtain this inestimable blessing were pointed out with great clearness and deep feeling - such a sermon as answered to my idea of faithful preaching - he insisted with more than common earnestness on the duty of secret prayer - a point which I think our ministers pass over too lightly This has been to me a day of high enjoyment!! the preaching the prayers the hymns sung were all peculiarly suited to my feelings, and I could not but indulge the strong hope, that some souls might be brought to real heart felt penitence and obedience to God - no mere means can effect this, but he who has the residue of the Spirit does bless his own truth and his own means - O that a great work may be begun and carried on among the people of our congregation - may a blessing attend all the preaching of this day and may all nations and kindred and tongues and people learn and obey the truth and Jesus reign throughout the world - Amen -

April 17th 1842 - We have all been to N—n to attend worship - Mr. Coolidge preached to us again, and we had the ordinance of the Lord's supper - the text this morning was in Galatians 6th 10th - As we have opportunity let us do good to all men If we have the spirit of our master we shall ever act in such a manner, as that all may be persuaded that we are his followers; in all the relations of life in our intercourse with the world and in our conversation we shall strive to be examples of virtue and piety - In the afternoon the text was in John 3d 3 - Except a man be born again &c. he very clearly stated his views of the doctrine of the new birth, which agreed with my own, and earnestly exhorted all speedily to begin this work every one who had till then been negligent would at that very moment resolve hence forth to ser the Lord, and this resolution made in dependence on the aids and influences of the Holy Spirit would be the beginning of a new life, if accompanied with the diligent use of all appointed means. May God bless the labours of his young servant here, and among his own people that he may enjoy a season of refreshing to encourage and strengthen his earnest efforts.-

April 24th 1842 - Mr. H preached at N-n today - we all went his text was in Luke; I tell you nay but except &c in the afternoon bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance - may the Spirit of God accompany his own truth to the heart and conscience and let some fruit be apparent. Last week Fanny spent with us, Charly came home with us today to spend the week - for all the blessings of life I would give thee O Father heart felt thanks - for health and strength and all outward comforts, but above all for the hope of heaven. for peace in our borders, - and for all the efforts which are put forth, in the cause of religion peace and holiness - O Father hasten on the reign of Jesus thy beloved Son, increase our love to him and our zeal in thy service and thine shall be all glory forever.-

May 1st 1842 - We have been again to N-n to worship - Mr. H-n preach'd from Hebrews Forasmuch then as the children are made partakers of flesh and blood he also took part of the same --- &c that he might deliver those who were all their life time subject to bondage.- occasioned by the death of Mrs. Mann. This afternoon - be not slothful, but followers of them, who thro' faith & patience inherit the promises. - The subjects of the sermons today have been such as are not frequently held up to the serious attention of people by our preachers. The Lord make them productive of some lasting good to some precious souls. Last monday our cousin Cooley Wells laid violent hands on himself and hung himself in the Garrett. Father of all mercy have compassion on the near friend, and let none of them return again to folly - may all be brot to true repentance and faith in thy beloved Son.-

May 5th 1842. This is the birth day of Elisabeth and Catharine we have been to N—n Mr. H— preach'd from Jeremiah— thy soul shall be as a watered garden— shewing the importance and necessity of attending to the concerns of the soul— and the encouragement of so doing. In the afternoon the text was in Solomon's Songs. I went down to the garden of nuts &c— supposed to mean Christ visiting his churches to see what fruit is brought forth under the means he is giving them. may the solemn appeals at the close of the sermon impress deeply the minds and hearts of some who heard it— and be a lasting benefit to their souls. Yesterday Edward and Helen dined and drank tea with us, and went on to Deerfield— Edward went to N—n— attended worship and came home with us.— We had a letter yesterday from Frederic, saying that Mr. Stearns will preach two sabbaths at N—n— which will enable us to visit Boston— Father I commit the matter to thy guidance and blessing— let us do nothing contrary to thy will.—

May 15th 1842. Another week has pass'd away, and so rapidly are our lives drawing to a close— O for the aid of divine grace to enable us to prepare for our departure hence. Mr. H preached again at N—n and we all went over— Edward and Helen too— the text in the morning was in Mark— The sabbath was made for man the sabbath considered as a civil institution highly beneficial to man— In the afternoon This is the day that the Lord hath made &c— the obligation and importance of the sabbath to man plainly enforced— may God accompany this days labours with the blessed influences of his Holy Spirit and pardon all that has been amiss. Last thursday Theophilus's family, and Charles Helen. Mills Mary and Edward made us a visit. Father of mercies forgive our sins and fit us for all duty and all wants, for life death and heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Lord

May 29th We have today heard our former minister Mr. Stearns who preach'd in the morning upon these words If ye then be risen with [illegible] on the spiritual wants of the soul. a deep sense of these wants tends to excites such efforts as will surely recieve a blessing from God. In the afternoon this was the text- The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost, How astonishing is the indifference of mankind to the immortal well being of the soul- with nearly all, every thing is attended to with more diligence than religion- even professors need to be awakened, they need to cast off the works of darkness and come to the light- we greatly need the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit- grant these I beseech thee for Jesus sake- last week wednesday we came home from Boston having been absent a week- heard Mr Lowell preach on the sabbath. B- and I went out and returned in safety. Mr. H- stayed to preach at Effingham- The Lord bless his own means this day every where and let peace and righteousness fill the earth.-

June 5th Mr. H. has a cold and we three stay at home It is uncertain whether there is preaching at N- and T. E- went this morning to the mills- I have been trying to quicken my drowsy powers, by reading, and prayer- but a heaviness of body seems to weigh down the spirit- the pains of old age, or bodily disease oppress me, and the last week I have not felt as well as usual- I have tried to realize the closing scene, the shortness of the space which lies between me & death. today I have been reading from Baxter's heavenly contemplations- I have also read a sermon of Doct. Davies; upon the compassion of Christ to weak believers- comparing my own exercises with what he writes, I think I have reason to hope that I am one of his children- and yet can it be so, when I have so little enjoyment of heavenly things? and while there is so much of sin in my heart and life?- Father of mercies shine into my soul, and dispel the darkness, and awaken to new life the drowsy and sluggish powers of my soul. forgive my sins bless this sabbath to me and mine and let Jesus reign thro'out the world- king of nations as he is.. This

June 12th 1842. Sabbath - Having some touch of a cold I
have staid at home - Frederic who came home on wednesda
is also at home - the others gone to N-n to hear Mr.
Thurston who is engaged to preach for a few sabbaths -
During the last week my health has been much better th
the week before. Praised be the goodness of God who relieve
my pain and gave me ease and strength - may his spi
be imparted to my cold and erring soul, and may new life
be enkindled within me to urge me onward in the gra
work of religion. May I set the Lord always before me, and
look stedfastly to Jesus the Author and finisher of our fa
Friday Mrs. Mills and Harriet, Charles Helen and Fanny
made us a visit -. Tuesday Cousin Eleazer Huntingt
wife and daughter - came to see us stay'd till thursday
afternoon. . Help me O Father to serve thee this day, and
cause thy truth to prevail throout the world, that thy son
may see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. ame

June 27th monday - Last tuesday I wrote to Frederic - and soon after
became unconscious of what I did - tho apparently going o
as usual - my recollection seem'd to fail, so that I had no
knowledge of what I said or of the questions which were pu
to me. Doct. Mc-Cray was with me two or three hours,
and made various applications, at length memory awoke -
and by degrees I became sensible of what had taken place
headache succeeded, and vomiting which continued a part
of the night - hard pain in the top of the head, with heat
and throbbing came on next day - but subsided in the
afternoon - since which I have been gaining and am
now about where I was a week ago - I desire to than
God for his goodness in preserving me, and in restoring
the suspended faculty of memory - but it can only be a
short reprieve - the tabernacle must soon fall; and I wo
desire to realize it always, that I may be prepared. O may
he who rear'd at first this frame, if consistent with his ho
will preserve my mind from derangement - grant me

a lively sense of his presence and goodneſs; and entire ac=
quiescence in his will. order in mercy all the circumstances
of departure, and bring me home to himself.— I would notice
with a lively sense of gratitude, the unwearied and kind at=
=tentions of my friends. Who provided these?— who placed me
in such favourable circumstances? who preserved me
from dark foreboding, and exquisite sufferings? who gave
patience to those who must have been worn out with
my repeated questionings?— Surely it was he whose tender
mercies are over all his works. and to him be glory and do=
=minion. thanksgiving and praise thro' Jesus Christ forever amen.
July 3d. Mr. H— and B. gone to Leverett— Theodore and Elizabeth
not well— my own health rather feeble— but greatly favoured
with calmneſs of mind— since my last ill turn, I have been
impreſsed deeply with a sense of the nearneſs of death—
and the uncertainty of life and reason, and of all our
faculties. but every moment as it paſses, is a renewed
testimony of the long suffering and mercy of our Father
in Heaven. and from constant experience I desire to draw
encouragement to trust in him without wavering.—
He stretched out the heavens, created all worlds with their
countleſs inhabitants— supports and governs the vast
universe— and yet from the height of his majesty and
dominion, he condescends to regard with compaſsion, the
humble contrite spirit; and his bleſsed Son, the brightneſs
of his glory, the meſsenger of pardon and peace to
sinful dying man, invites the weary and heavy laden
to come to him and find rest— he also aſsures us that
whosoever cometh to him, he will in no wise cast out.
Bleſsed and eternal Author of all good, help me always
to feel thy presence, to act speak and think as under
thine immediate inspection, and as liable to be called
any moment to the retributions of eternity— O may the
great Shepherd in mercy bring us all safe home to his own
Father's house where there are many mansions.—

July 10th Sabbath evening - We have just heard read a sermon on seriousness in religion by Doct. Paley - good every word of it; the Lord give it effect upon the hearts of his young servants present. We have all been to hear Mr. Thurston preach - and to worship God in his house - Father of all good influences grant a blessing upon thy own truth and let some good seed fall into good and honest hearts and wilt thou cause increasing attention among that people, to the all important subject of the souls' salvation. In the morning the text was in John - I and my Father are one. - this afternoon - Ephesians Till we all come in the unity &c - to the measure of the stature of perfect men in Christ. - We have been much relieved today by having a letter from Frederic. Praised be the goodness of God, that we are still preserved in life and health, and free from distressing anxiety, mental prostration, and the darkness of despair - help us all to commit our dearest interests to thy merciful keeping - and in life death and eternity may we all be enabled to sing the song of Moses the servant of God and of the Lamb. - O thou kind and merciful Father may my health and strength which thou hast so kindly restored, be more wholly devoted to thee, and may I continue in prayer night and day, that death may not find me unprepared. Make effectual all the means of religion which have this day been enjoyed so that Jesus may see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. -

July 17th We have all been to Leverett today, and heard Mr. H - preach on the Divine institution, the uses and the importance of keeping the sabbath - text in the morning, "the sabbath was made for man - - in the afternoon This is the day which the Lord hath made" - had a letter today from Frederic - Friday delivered his dissertation and received his certificate - license to preach the gospel - today he was to preach at Jamaica Plain. - O thou, Author of all good influences my prayer is to thee in his behalf - that he may be furnished with those qualifications which shall make him an able and faithful minister of Jesus Christ. O hear my earnest supplications for him - and breathe upon him, blessed Saviour, as thou didst upon thy disciples - that he may receive the Holy Ghost. - And may the word dispensed today be the power of God and the wisdom of God to the salvation of many souls.

July 24th. Attended worship today at N— - Mr. Smith preached in the morning - answering these questions. What am I. whence did I come, and what is my destiny. - These questions can only be answered by the religion of Jesus This afternoon the text was in 2d Corinthians - 13th Examine yourselves. - It is vain to be judged by others, their opinion may be very erroneous - to ascertain our true condition, we may each ask ourselves four questions are we faithfully using the means of religion? - meditation reading and prayer? - Do we find satisfaction in them 3d are we willing openly to confess our convictions and ~~and also our~~ do all in our power, to promote religion? 4thly Do we choose God above all things for our portion - have we obeyed the voice from heaven - my son give me thine heart. - O that God would accompany his own truth with the mighty energy of his Holy Spirit. - Mr. Coolidge was to preach at 1/2 past six.

July 31st B. and I went with Fanny and Frank - to N—n. Mr H gone to Leverett - Theodore and Elizabeth not well went to the Mill - in the morning - Mr Smith preached in the morning from Romans 8th 6th to be spiritually minded is life and peace - The characteristics of true life are 1st a belief in our capacity to attain and make progress in ~~the~~ religion - 2d a conviction that we shall succeed. 3d - a desire to bring others also to the kingdom of Christ, and 4thly. does the love of God pervade our hearts, and govern all our actions Last evening Frederic came home - made a statement of his circumstances &c - delivered his address on faith at Amherst after which we all assembled at Theophilus', with Charles and his wife - Mr Everett of Northfield Mr. Clapp of Deerfield Mr. Huntingto

Frederic with brother's family - little Walter behaved as well
as we could wish - and all seemed to feel deeply interested in
the exercises and the occasion. - may the blessed Saviour who
took little children in his arms receive that lamb of the
flock into the arms of his everlasting love and may parents
and child be thine when thou makest up thy jewels. -
Saturday morning Frederic left us for Boston. he is to
preach two more sabbaths at the South Congregational
church - he will probably be called upon to decide an
important question soon - I ask with earnestness that
his way may be made plain - may no worldly consider-
-ations lead him away from the path of duty - help him
to set apart special seasons for seeking by earnest prayer
thy guidance of thy holy Spirit - and ~~may~~ he do nothing to
injure the cause which he has undertaken to promote;
let him not seek the applause of men - but in all
humility have a single eye to thy glory - & thou au-
-thor of all good influences and right purposes - I bring
him to thee who art ever ready to hear prayer. - thou
hast blessed him greatly hitherto - still regard him with
grace and mercy and by our earnest supplications may
we be able to promote thy glory in all our ways. -
August 7th Mr. H. gone to Leverett. T. T. and B. gone to Northamp-
rest of us at home. We hear nothing yet from Frederic - but hav-
-ing most earnestly commended him to the guidance of Infinite wisdom
Power and Love - I desire to hush the risings of anxiety - and look
above the darkness which hangs around our path, and hope that
the things which I meant for good, may not be evil - may not
alienate those affections which have ever been so strong ~~and~~
and constant - God forbid that any traces may remain of
dissatisfaction - but may harmony and peace ever reign in
all our hearts - The weakness and pain in my head,
tho' not great, make it necessary to avoid too much straining
of my eyes - may I be assisted to employ my thoughts
profitably in meditation and prayer. The 28th of July was
remarkable for several events. the anniversary of our dear
Whiting's death - Frederic received his second degree, and
Theophilus gave up his little boy in baptism - —

Hadley August 14th 1842. Sabbath. Mr. H. B. and I have been to N-n heard Mr. Smith in the morning from these words Follow after charity - the grace insisted on today was not that which relieves physical suffering, but the kindness of feeling which checks the harsh judgment the evil surmising, the taking up a report against our neighbour. let the true love of God and man fill the heart, and words of love and kindness will flow from the lips. This afternoon the text was in 3d chap. Revelations 17th verse Thou saist I am rich and increased in goods &c - shewing the great need of self examination - all are prone to deceive themselves - from various causes - how pressing the need of earnest frequent self scrutiny - O thou Author of all good influences accompany the preaching of thy word with us and everywhere with power from on high that it may not return to thee void but yield a rich harvest to the glory of thy name.

August 15th 1842. Twelve years ago - perhaps nearly at this hour our cherished our beloved and lovely Catharine, ceased to be a resident among us - the wasted frame, worn out with extreme suffering gave up its immortal companion, into the hands of heavenly messengers - we cannot trace its flight. but we have the blessed assurance that where Jesus is there shall his followers be. How wonderful how amazing that goodness which has provided and revealed such a state after death! Three precious children have finished their earthly course - Praised be God for the cheering hope they have left for us - Are they not more closely united than than ever they were here, and O how strong was the love which bound their hearts together - but doubtless the love which reigns among glorified spirits is purer and deeper than we can even conceive - Shall we not join that happy throng - is it too much to hope that we may all at length meet in the great company, to enjoy and serve our Father and Saviour forever. amen.

August 28. A week ago today we went to N—n and I stayed with Helen till today. Charles went to Boston on monday morning. and returned this morning — Last sabbath in the morning Mr. Smith preached a funeral sermon on the deat of Mr. Brewer — In the afternoon Mr. Coolige preached — Today Mr C— preached all day from these words, 1st Thessaloni 5th 17th Pray without ceasing — In the morning his subject was the duty of always cultivating the spirit of prayer — this afternoon he insisted more particularly on reasons for this duty of secret and family prayer. O how I long to have all the people receive the truth and obey it — O Lord how long shall it be ere thy truth shall subdue the stony heart — O Father may thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen. —

Sept. 11th Last sabbath B. and I went with Frank, to N—n — Mr. Packa preached — Theodore unwell, but growing better; wednesday took co and overworked — Charles and Helen came over with Mills Ma and Edward — Thursday Theodore went to the cave with a party grew more unwell, and Friday had the doctor — the means us were so far blessed that he is now comfortable — may the Lor perfect his begun goodness — and fill our hearts with gratefu praise — today we have been — B. and I — to N—n Theophilu and Samuel also — Mr. George Ellis preached in the morn from John's gospel — these words, for he knew what was in man — On the adaptation of christianity to the spiritual wants of man — ~~we th~~ the human soul needs both fea and love, to induce it to receive and obey the truth — this afternoon Jeremiah 10th 23 the way of man is not in hi=self it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps — we are not the slaves of circumstance, we have power to d and yet God works in us — this is a mystery — we cannot explain — but we do know, that sin brings sorrow and obedience to the Divine will gives peace — O Father giv us this peace which love and obedience can alone impart — and may the world be filled with thy glory and goodness — we fou little Edward very sick with dysentery — the Lord send relief and support and a sanctified improvement of all the chastenings of his holy providence, especially may the parents be brought to a more entire trust in thee and devotion to thy service. - Mr. H- preach'd today at Leverett-

Sept. 18th. We have been to N- today - and met our dear friends from France who arrived there friday - what shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits - the week past has been signally mark'd with interesting occurrences - a letter from Frederic gave us information, which if it answer our expectation will be conducive to the comfort and usefulness of his life as a minister of Jesus Christ. I have of late laid the case before thee O my Father - entreating thy guidance and blessing - and now may I not hope that thou hast heard my prayer, and wilt grant thy blessing - all earthly good is useless without thy favour and acceptance; grant this God of all power and mercy thro' Jesus Christ thy Son. Mr. Ellis preach'd this morning from John's gospel - the world itself could not contain the books that should be written - the influences which have flow'd from the teaching and example the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, it would be impossible to record in writing but they will flow on and increase from one generation to another, as long as the world shall continue - The Lords supper was celebrated - and our thots were sweetly and affectingly led to contemplate the presence of our great master and teacher, and the presence of our dear departed friends who have gone on before us as we hope to their home in heaven - and yet are permitted to hold intercourse with us here as we draw near to God in the institutions of his house. This afternoon Mr. Ellis preached from these words Ye believe in God believe also in me. To morrow Mrs. Fisher and the boys are to come over and spend the week God grant that we may be directed in our conversation and feelings - and that harmony and peace and love may prevail and thy love and fear sanctify all our intercourse - and enjoyme thro' Jesus Christ our Lord to whom be praise and glory for ever -

Oct. 8th 1842 - Saturday evening.. The last sabbath, Mr. H- B and I
went with Frederic to Cabotville, where he preached by exch
with Mr. Buckingham. The sabbath previous he preached at
N-n by an exchange with Mr. Ellis - and spent the interve
ing week with us at home. It was very gratifying to hea
him two sabbaths in succession - For his ministerial qual
fications, which tho' he is my son I must say are rathe
uncommon, I would take ~~take~~ no pride or consequence
to ourselves.. most truly can I say not unto us, not
unto us, but to thy name be the glory - and now my ea
nest desire is, that God would mercifully preserve his min
in a humble frame, that he may not be exalted in his own
estimation, but in deep self-abasement cry earnestly for pard
and thy guidance and help. great indeed and difficult are
the duties to which he is called; may Almighty strength be read
at his right hand, and the Spirit of Christ help his infirm
ities. Monday he returned to Boston, and I stayed at Edward
till thursday, when Theodore and his wife, and Mrs. F-
went down and we came home together. Last week Liz
zie and Catherine spent with us - and the week before
Mrs. Fisher and the four boys. And now O heavenly Par
ent, how can I praise thee as I ought - for the multipl
ed blessings which have been flowing in upon us?.-
I have nothing to offer thee but what thou givest - pre
pare I beseech thee from my heart an offering of devout
obedience and heartfelt gratitude - and prepare me
and all mine for the holy service of thy blessed da
thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.-

Oct 16th Sabbath evening - To day B- and I went with F- to N-n M
Holland preached in the morning from these words silver and gold
have I none - On the duty of giving - or rather making effort
to increase human happiness and human virtue - an excell
ent sermon, may it come back to my thots and prove a useful
monitor - this afternoon It is I be not afraid, secret unbelief is
the cause of most of our trouble. Last Friday was three
years since our dear Mary's departure - and may I not hope tha
we shall ~~get~~ meet again, & ~~that~~ my thots may be more occupied o
invisible things - so that we may even at times long to depart an

be with Christ and all the good. may our dear departed children be to us ministering spirits - watching over us, to guide instruct and comfort us - may the interesting scenes of the present week as we pass along, bring along with ~~them~~, fresh tokens of thy favour and new memorials of our gratitude and obedience to thee. O Father I ask that thou wilt succeed the effort of our minister to revive the spirit and power of religion among our congregation, and may he be assisted and blessed - Look on thy whole human family and pity and save the souls thou hast made. Our son Theodore has been afflicted many weeks ~~first~~ with sickness and since with distressing tumors on his hands - they seem to be growing better - may he learn heavenly wisdom by what he has suffered. and be drawn more closely to thyself by these chastenings of thy hand. -

Oct. 23d - I would with a deep sense of gratitude to Him who governs all our concerns. make mention of his great goodness to us and ours the last week. We have been indulged with the privilege of seeing our youngest son ordained as a minister of the gospel over the South Congregational Church in Boston - year after year I have been bearing him on my heart to the mercy seat, pleading for him, that he might be prepared for this great work, and be indeed a workman that needeth not to be ashamed and I have witnessed the consummation of these desires. and now Father it seems as if my work was done - yet if thou shalt continue me longer in the earth, I beseech thee give me some work in thy vineyard - let me not be a cumberer of the ground, occupying a place which some other would more worthily fill. Make me more zealous, more pure in my heart speech and life, especially make me more prayerful - that I may like Anna of old serve God with fastings and prayers day and night. Mr. Holland preached in the morning on the danger of delaying repentance - the advantage of a pure and holy life - as securing far higher enjoyment in a future life - this afternoon from these words Now is my soul troubled &c - Father glorify thy name. All our sorrows are designed, necessary for our good - believing this we may by filial submission glorify God and prepare to join the great company in heaven -

Nov. 6th 1842 - Sabbath. I am at home alone - in health and peace - and p that the God of Peace may enable me to do something for the blessed cau of peace in the world. Pray, I can and will, while I have the power of thot and the use of reason - but what more can a wo ignorant woman do in this great work? If it please my heavenly Father he can give me work to do, and help me in the performance. Do so O merciful Father. The last sabbath we all atte ed worship at N—n and heard Mr. Smith preach part of the day on holiness without which no man can see the Lord: the other ser is gone from me. In heaven these decaying faculties will be res tored and strengthened, and we shall not mourn over forgotten inst tion, neglected opportunities, and abused privileges - once freed from th clogs and temptations of our mortal existence, we shall be like Jes for we shall see him as he is - And can it be that I have three precious children inhabitants of that pure world? Every faculty enga to promote the honour of God and the greatest good of the univers O blessed state of the blessed who die in the Lord! How many dear fr have I already there - among the redeemed; full, even to overflowing, of love to God and good will to men - and do they not, commission by Infinite mercy, bend their way downward to earth, to revive and strengthen us who are still prisoners of hope, and hardly dar at times, to lift our eyes to the mercy seat? - God grant that w may finish our course with joy and be united to the great company which no man can number - and who never faint or grow weary in welldoing. Week before last Theophilus went to labot o Judge Lyman and wife. Mrs. Lord and Miss Robbins made us a vis Last week we had a letter from F— dined at Charles' on ~~Wednesday~~ found little Mary sick with scarlet fever. Friday Mr. H. and I dran tea with Mrs. Hitchcock, and Charles her son.—

Nov. 24th Thanksgiving day - On account of the storm we all stay at home - Edward and his wife came last night - and went on to Deerfield this morning - we expect Mr. Fisher and his family ~~and~~ his family to dine with us today and Theodore and his wife. Charles is detained by its being court week, and his family of course cannot come. Theophilus dines at home with his fami they and Theodore and wife spent the evening with us. I have been trying to recollect some of the multiplied favours which have been so freely bestow upon us during the last season - and I have tried to feel some sense of the goodness of God to us. Our lives have been spared and no destroying calamity has ov taken us - our sicknesses have been relieved and our wants have been supplied - from the overflowing goodness of the All-bountiful Benefactor.- Especially would I notice the kind hand of God which has led along our youngest Son, and placed him as a pastor of a church and congregation in Boston-. Every step of his course, I have watched over him and prayed for him- and truly the Lord has heard me and given me the desire of my heart. And now what wait I for? - Still do I wait on thee- and bring him to thy mercy seat; that he may be assisted- strengthend, guided, and made to do thy work faithfully and successfully- and preserved in health and safety to be a rich and lasting blessing to that people. Hold him O Father in thy hand and bless him in the name and with the spirit of thy Son. I would not fail to thank thee that our ministers are beginning to awake to the duties which they owe to their fellow men and those who are far off- increase their zeal, and well directed efforts, that new life may be given to both ministers and people- and now help us to observe this day in such a manner that we may enjoy communion with our absent and departed children, and find comfort and improvement in performing its important duties. prepare us to finish our work in peace and join the great company in heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Leader gone

Saturday evening- Dec. 3d. The last sabbath Theodore went with B. and I to N-n and heard Mr. Dawes- monday we also made a visit at Charles's, with brother's family and Giles Smith and wife- ~~Edward and wife~~ quite a family meeting; next day Edward and wife came from N-n and left us wednesday morning- having had ~~and~~ an agreeable and I hope not an unprofitable interview- he delivered and address on temperance at North Hadley tuesday evening may the blessing of God accompany it- and increase in him all good dispositions and virtuous efforts. The occasion which called us together was to refresh our minds with the memory of the divine goodness to us, it was pleasant to meet so many dear connections- and it was pleasant to remember and pray for our dear children who were absent- and O how pleasant to hope that the dear ones who have passed into the heavens, have done forever with sin sorrow pain, and death. be it our labour to obtain the spirit of Jesus, that we may at length arrive at the same blessed home, and partake all of us of the same pure and perfect peace.- Tuesday B. was threatened with fever, but by a blessing on the means used she was relieved- Theodore and wife too were both quite sick- with colds- but were also mercifully restored- sorrow may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning-.

Dec. 12th- Monday. Mr. H- and Bethia went today to Chesterfield, to attend on the morrow the wedding of Sarah Edwards who is to be married tomorrow to Mr Wilson. Mr. H- is to perform the ceremony- Yesterday Theodore went with B. and I to N-n heard Mr. Dawes in the morning from these words in Galatians 'do good to all men' in the afternoon this was the text silver and gold have I none such as I have give I thee - those who by good example advice sympathy, or religious instruction lead the wandering into the fold of Christ impart a treasure of more value than gold or silver even the poorest can bestow some of these - and a cup of cold water given in the name of Christ shall not lose its reward. - Let every one then do all in his power to encrease goodness and real happiness - and thus be followers of him who went about doing good -

Saturday had a letter from Frederic - he is spending a week in Gloucester with Hannah who has friends there - Father of mercies guard him from the evils to which he is exposed and make him a devoted servant of Jesus Christ. -

Dec. 24th 1842. Saturday evening. Last sabbath Mr. H. preached at Defield - saturday morning he carried me to N--n and went on from there to Deerfield I stayd at Charles; ~~th~~heard a Mr Wight preach on the sabbath, in the morning his text was in Isai 62d chapter - they shall rejoice in their portion. in the afternoon Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father - Matthew 10th 29th On the providence of God -- returned after worship with Theodore and Bethia - Yesterday we invited Mr. Bulfinch Caroline and her father and mother to take tea - also Elizabeth Ware and Susan Lyman. I would notice the goodness of God which has been manifested to me and mine during the past week our lives and health, and comfort and peace have been continued and we are among the living - O may we praise thy thy name - Theophilus has been disappointed in a bargain I pray and hope ~~that he~~ may none of us commit sin but be willing to yield up temporal advantages ~~good~~ and endeavour to to fulfil the law of Christ. the law of love. ~~Lord~~ help us to remember thee in all our ways - so that when death shall take us hence, we may be taken to thyself to be forever with the Lord - tomorrow is Christmas, may the occasion be observed with solemnity and gratitude to the glory of God and his beloved son in whom he is well pleased. -

Monday Dec. 26th yesterday Mr. Bulfinch preached in the morning from 4 Gal. 4th verse In the fullness of time God sent forth his Son. christmas sermon - in the afternoon - Luke 15- 10- there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth - an excellent sermon.

Saturday evening Dec. 31st 1842 - The year is just closing - the month ~~the~~ and the week also are fast finishing their course - and all the doings of the past year are written in the book of God's remembrance, The means of religious improvement, health, opportunities of doing good, seasons of sickness - the various and multiplied blessings of divine providence - the continuance of life in the members of our family - and health tho' interrupted yet again restored - arrival of dear friends long absent - and the mercy of God manifested signally in the case of ~~your~~ youngest son - these are all topics upon which I should ask myself as in the presence of God, whether I have been faithful - O no! surely I have not, I feel that I am not worthy to lift up my face to thee, or to ask for the mercy without which my soul must perish - but there is an Intercessor; blessed be God - who has sent his Son to be our Saviour, and his Holy Spirit to guide us into the way of truth and duty -- laying myself down at thy feet, I implore of thee the pardon of my sins, and a hope in thy mercy - and grace and wisdom to serve thee better in time to come, and may all my dear children - be guided and blest and sanctified that when our life shall close - we may all be brot home to our Father's house, to meet the dear departed, and all the good, and be forever with the Lord - thro' Jesus Christ - amen

Hadley Jan 8th 1843 - This sabbath we all stay at home - weather rainy - How amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord of Hosts - it is a precious privilege to wait on God in his house to hear his word to sing his praise, and raise our devout supplications with his people to the mercy seat - It is good also to pour out the desires of our hearts and our grateful acknowledgments before him in secret - praised be his name for health and season

and the multiplied gifts of his bounty - but better than all is the hope of
heaven - the glad tidings of great joy which are to be to all people -
Last sabbath B and I went with Frank to N—n - Mr. Francis preached
in the morning from these words in Ephesians redeeming the time - we
are every year and every day to live better than before - in the after-
-noon, If a man say he love God and hate his brother he is a liar -
the principle of religion begins by loving goodness in our fellow men -
the child who can understand little of his maker can be made to
know something of his attributes by seeing them in a feeble manner
manifested in the conduct of his friends - - the morning sermon was
suitable for the new year. I have endeavoured to meditate upon
the season and its duties - but I never feel satisfied with myself or
my conduct - there is a sinful propensity - a tendency to indulge
unholy feelings, a carnal mind - a heart not subdued by the power
of holy love - O wretched state of sin - who would not wish to be
free from this ~~this~~ body of death? - Perhaps I am more vile than any
other - I certainly do find a struggle a warfare, and tho' I have
been long engaged in it - the little of victory which I gain, makes me
almost give up in despair - my earthly course must be nearly finish'd
how shall I appear in the great day of account - yet he who knoweth
the heart must see that sin is the thing which I hate - Lord help
me to overcome it thro' the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Friday
we called on Mr. Wilson and wife dined at Charles; called on Mrs. F— and
returned before night - saturday Theophilus wife and child drank tea
and spent the evening with us - conversation on the subject of the
atonement - enlighten all our minds, heavenly Father, and fill us with
hope and love and joy and peace in believing - let not I pray thee this
year be misused as past years have been - but may we all by
penitence and faith and holy obedience be prepared for all thy will -
and may thy kingdom come and will be done in earth as it is in heaven

Jan. 25th Mr. H— at home with a sore throat - I at home to take care
of him - this afternoon little Walter stays with me, his father and
mother gone to the old church - friday we drank tea at Theophilus,
with Mr. Leonard wife and daughter - my mind has been under a
cloud - at times for days and weeks past - but today I feel more light
and cheerful - O for strength to cast out this evil and cherish the
good - Thou Author of all good hast thou any pleasure in the
d[illegible] or the misery of thy people? - O hear my earnest prayer
for myself my children and my friends and for all mankind that
that Christ Jesus the Prince of Peace may come wherever reigning
[illegible] of nations [illegible] of earth

Jan 22^d Theodore wife and I have been to Northampton— heard Mr. Branch preach in the morning from 2^d Cor. 4^th 18^th we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen &c— all that is solid and lasting and good is of the spirit— of the invisible, and if we choose not this ~~before~~ it rather than the outward circumstances of our condition, we can have no part in the eternal inheritance of heaven. This afternoon his text was in Matthew 4^th, angels came and ministered unto him— he first brot into view the beautiful idea of guardian angels— shewed his belief that our departed friends were probably employed in ministering to those who were dear to them in this life— exciting them to a more faithful discharge of duty and greater degrees of communion with in-visible things— enumerated some of the various agencies which are constantly employed for our improvement and comfort. in ~~thos~~ our upward course— the word of God, the ordinances of religion— books and truths coming down to us from former ages the examples of great and good men, above all the life and teaching of our divine master— also the relations of parent and child. in short to a reflecting mind every thing around us and within comes as a messenger from God— to the prayerful & thoughtful God is ever present— ever kind.—

Today has been a time of rich enjoyment. in the public services of the sanctuary the prayers the praises and the preaching were all exactly in accordance with my feelings. bless the Lord O my soul!— and O Father forgive the iniquities of my holy things— received a precious letter from F— giving an encouraging account of his parish, duties labours and experience— I thank thee from my heart I say this, & that I might manifest my gratitude by a holier and better life— O may this dear son have grace to maintain a deep sense of his unworthiness— and be assisted to go on in thy strength doing thy will and promoting truly the kingdom of God, and may we all say not unto us— but to thy name be the glory. O hear and answer all the prayers which have been offered to thee in the name of Jesus for the spread of his gospel and the reign of his kingdom on the earth.—

Monday evening— Yesterday we went to N— heard Mr. Branch, in the morn-ing from Exodus— 4^th— 16^th and thou shalt be to him instead of God on making idols of the means of religion — in the afternoon from Jeremiah - Ye shall not say every man to his neighbour know the Lord, for all shall know me from the least even to the greatest - the sermon seemed designed to reprove a sectarian spirit and conversation, which is contented with nothing but what itself approves, and would have all men thus believe —; today sent to Frederic by Mr. Branch - some books for him and a letter, also a bundle of old clothes for a poor family - This is the evening to unite in prayer for the abolishing of slavery - O Father shed down thy influence that many may plead with thee and prevail thro' the great Redeemer, who came to open the prison doors to proclaim liberty to the captive - and preach the acceptable year of the Lord.— —

Feb 18th 1843 - Saturday afternoon - Thursday morning Bethia left us to spend a week or two with Charles and Helen at N— Last sabbath Mr H- B- and I went to Ch- heard Mr. Dawes preach in the morning from Luke 12th chapter. 35th part of 36th verse Let your loins be girded about, & your lights burning, And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord - The need of watchfulness - especially addressed to the young - that they may keep themselves pure - In the afternoon the text was - redeeming the time.

Last week monday Theodore and his wife went ~~t~~ on their way to Hartford - returned home last tuesday night - safely and in health - found Frank sick, but is now better - So the Lord's mercies never fail - may the Spirit of God impress more deeply on our minds a sense of his goodness, and assist us to live more as the followers of Jesus ought to live - Thursday Mrs. Col. Porte ended her mortal pilgrimage - and we hope entered into rest. O Father enable us who are far advanced in years, to stand watching and waiting - knowing that our summons must come soon, and may come suddenly - Lord prepare us for a safe and easy passage from this life, to a life which shall never end = the weather this week for three days has been severely cold - O how I pity and pray for the children of poverty - that God would provide for them supplies from the treasures of the rich - and give employment to those who cannot find work - but above all give a spirit of repentance and reformation to all sinners and let righteousness overspread our land as an overflowing stream - and sin and misery cease, -

Sabbath night Feb. 19th 1843 Went to N-n with Theodore- heard Mr. Dawes from the 12th of Romans Dearly beloved avenge not yourselves but rather give place unto wrath for it is written vengeance is mine I will repay saith the Lord, against indulging a spirit of revenge. In the afternoon- 2d Timothy 2d chapter 3d verse- Learn to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ- on firmness constancy, and fortitude in the religious course.

Feb. 26 all of us went to worship at N-n- In the morning heard Mr. Dawes from   This afternoon Dexter Clapp preached from Proverbs 16th 32d- He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty- and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city- he considered the ruling of the spirit, as bringing all the faculties of mind and body, under the great law of duty- -- a very good sermon- God grant that it may Do some good to some souls- Bethia who had been staying at Charles: came home with us. Praised be God for his goodness in causing us to go out and come in safely- Last monday the twins came down and stayed till tuesday after dinner- wednesday before dinner cousin Aaron D- and his wife came to visit us dined here and we all drank tea at Theophilus's- Mrs. Col. Porter was buried in the afternoon Mr. H- and Theophilus attended the funeral.- Theodore went to Boston monday, came back friday noon- followed and surrounded by the protecting care of our heavenly Father. O that we not be unmindful of our obligations-. Theodore brought information that Frederic has received a call to settle in New=York- I cannot feel perfectly indifferent as to the course he will take- I have tried to commit him to the guidance of unerring wisdom- this is all I can do, advise him I cannot- I pray that he may be led to that course which shall be most for the glory of God and the good of souls- may he be influenced by pure motives and not by a desire for selfish gratification or human and worldly favour- search him O thou searcher of hearts- and suffer him not to be led astray from the straight path of duty let it cost him what it may- impress more deeply on his heart the thought that he is not his own, and that if he would be happy he must be willing to deny himself and take up the cross and follow meekly and patiently in the footsteps of his master- O my Father who hast so often granted my requests hear and answer me in the name of the all prevailing Intercessor.-

monday March 6th 1843- Another sabbath is past- and we had the privilege of worshipping at our usual place- Mr. H- B. F- and myself- Mr. Hale preach'd all day from these words in the 23d of Matthew, 8th verse- and all ye are brethren. Enforcing the obligation of universal good will-- We received information yesterday that Frederic has decided on staying with his people in Boston. I hope it is ordered by unerring wisdom. Will our heavenly Father, who is more ready to give his spirit to them that ask it, than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children, turn away his ear from the supplications of those who seek him, if they ask for strength to serve him?- Once and again, & again have I besought the Lord and he has granted my desire- by this may my faith become more firmly fix'd on the unfailing promises of thy word. Last tuesday our children from N-n with Mr. Dawes, Lizzy and Fanny made us a visit- T- and T- also and their wives-. O Father keep me as in thy presence and make me more forbearing, patient meek- and heavenly minded- help me to fix my thots more frequently on unseen things, and grant me some suitable conceptions of thy perfections- and government- these favours I ask not only for myself but for all that I love- thro Jesus Christ who is worthy-..

March 15- Wednesday afternoon- Just return'd from Cabotville whither we went yesterday afternoon- found Edward well, Helen just recovering from a sick turn, something like canker rash- Mr. H- B. and I went, had a very pleasant visit- good sleighing, and found all well at home- Last sabbath we all went to N-n. Mr. Hale preach in the morning. from 1st chapter Eccle- 2d verse-- last thursday Charles and wife Fanny Clarley- and Mills made a visit to Theodore- Bethia drank tea with Eliza Judkins- Friday she went with Theophilus and his wife to visit Doct. Allen. South Deerfield-. this afternoon Theodore and Theophilus with their wives and Bethia have gone to visit at Munroe Clapps-..

March 29th 1843- This is Lizzie Fisher's birth day 18 years old- God of the spirits of all flesh- create her anew in Christ Jesus unto good works and help her to dedicate to thee from this time all that she is and has and shall be, to be employ'd in thy service and to thy glory- Last thursday Mr. H- carried me to Charles', left me and came home in the storm found Mr. Luther Edwards and his wife here, they staid till next day- Saturday Jenner W- and Caroline, call'd and dined, their way to Cabotville - On the sabbath Mr. Hale preached in the morning from John's gospel, 3d chapter, 36th verse - He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life:- his sermon seemed to be meant as a guard against indulging the idea that by any efforts of our own we can procure the happiness of heaven - Every one should love goodness for its own sake and serve God, from a desire to be holy as he is holy - in the afternoon the text was in 2d Corinthians 12th chapter 2d verse - I cannot tell, God knoweth. - after meeting I came home with T- and his wife, and Frank - having had a very pleasing interview with my children and grand children I am always deficient in duty - and with regard making religious conversation especially - but did not wholly omit it - if I said any thing agreeable to thy will, O Father cause it to make a lasting impression - I would again thank thee for thy constant care and kindness - and particularly that thou hast preserved me in so much tranquility of mind, that wicked distressing thoughts have been kept out of my mind - and some degree of trust and hope has been enjoyed - Hear my prayers and bless all whom I love thro' Jesus Christ who ever liveth to make intercession for us -

Sabbath-day - April 2d 1843 Mr. H. Theodore & Bethia gone to C- to worship - the Lord be with them and give them a sabbath's blessing - and may the teaching and services of the sanctuary be the power of God and the wisdom of God - to sanctify and save their souls and the souls of many of that people - may the Spirit of God go forth this day every where to enlighten and bless mankind - - Yesterday Bethia had a letter from Frederic - He has had news that Mr. Dewy has recovered his health and hopes to return to his people in September and perform his duties without a colleague - this information makes him rejoice more than ever, that he has decided to stay with his people in Boston - and the people continue to give him by their presents fresh tokens of their regard - they have also made a subscription which will pay Mr. Motte what was due to him. - So far a blessing seems to attend this season what I pray for with more earnestness than any thing else is - that the divine Spirit, which alone can renew the heart may be sent down to awaken many among the people to a deep concern for their souls salvation - that it may be the subject of anxious enquiry generally, what they shall render to the Lord for his benefits, and seek by penitence & prayer to find pardon and peace for their souls; and to for this purpose I earnestly beseech thee O Father, that thou wilt ever guide govern and bless thy young servant, so that his ministrations may be effectual, and all his conduct and conversation, governed by thy spirit, be a continual example which they safely imitate -. Remember I beseech thee, all my dear children and grand children, and so assist us to serve thee here that we may all at length be united with those who have already entered the heavenly rest - and together show forth thy praise without weariness and without imperfection - thro' the ages of eternity - all this I ask and offer thro' the merits and intercession of our all prevailing Advocate Jesus Christ - amen

Sabbath - April 9th 1843 - Mr. H - and I have been at home today - the rest went to Upper Mills - heard a Mr. Jewett - in the morning upon the recognition of friend in heaven - this afternoon from these words, "Son remember" - I have spent a considerable part of the day in reading our beloved Mary's writing the fountain was opened and the tears flowed freely - the Lord forgive if it was wrong - I offer my sincere and grateful acknowledgements to thee O thou Author of all goodness and all right affections, that thou didst so deeply impress her mind with spiritual objects, and didst incline her to leave on record, the desires and resolutions of her heart which was devoted to thy fear. - Thank to thee O thou who delightest in mercy, for the cheering hope, that these three precious children are with thee in thy holy and blessed presence; that thro thy mercy in Jesus Christ, we may hope to be united with them again never more to know separation sin nor sorrow. O give us all the spirit of thy blessed Son, that when thou callest us, we may go joy=fully to our home in heaven, and form a family union unbroken in the skies. Last Thursday was the annual Fast. Friday I had a letter from Edward. - For two or three days I have employed my leisure in filing old letters which have lain some of them ever since I was married - may the recollection of past scenes, and past mercies with the devout and kind sentiments of my parents, and other friends help me to prepare to join the great company of the redeemed - and the great Redeemer of his people -

Sabbath April 16th 1843 - On account of the bad riding - we all stay at home, except Theodore who has gone to North H--y on foot. - The snow is melting away very gradually - there is still much left but the greater part of the ground is ba the water is rising, but not rapidly - We know who it is that holds the waters in the hollow of his hand - and restrains the fury of the torrents - Blessed be his name, he has encouraged us to seek him, - his beloved son in whom he is ever well pleased, is saying to us Come unto me all ye tha labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. - help me O Fath in my weakness and ignorance and sin - help me thro' the infirmities and fears of old age; help me thro' the dark valley - and bring me, and all mine home to thy pure and holy presence - to Jesus the mediator of the new covenan and to company of our departed friends - to serve and love thee forever - thro' Jesus Christ our Saviour -

April 23d 1843. Today it is rainy and we must stay at home,
the water too which fell the last week, has again risen, but
not to an alarming degree - a week ago, the people of Hadley
and Northampton were in some danger, but no great injury
was done - my own weak faith was tried but the Lord is merciful
- and better to us than our fears. O that I might be able
to trust him even in darkness when his footsteps are not
known - if we cannot trust him thro' the trials of life how,
shall we trust him thro' the waters of Jordan - Lord I believe
help thou my unbelief. - I have been reading over some of my
old writings - all have the same feeling of doubt, with now
and then a ray of light - but this scene will soon be past
God grant, that a bright morning may succeed to this
night of darkness and sin - and that being pardoned thro'
Jesus, we may all find light and peace in heaven
April 30th The water has fallen a little and T. and J. and Frank have attempted
to go to N-n - The rest of us at home. For two or three weeks
I have been troubled with nervous depression and irritability - weakness
and fearfulness - every object on which my mind rests, seems to look
dark and in some measure forbidding - Lord help me - for help alone
can come from thee - suffer not these evils to increase till reason
is quite lost - O Father pity me - Blessed Saviour say to me as thou
didst to Peter I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not. - On an
allmighty arm alone it is safe to rest. - Quicken thou me according to thy word
forgive my sins of heart and life; and grant me that love which is the
fullfilling of the law. - Thro' Jesus the all prevailing Intercessor - Amen -
May 7th - Theodore his wife and I with Frank have been today to worship
the Father in N-n - Mr. Hale preached in the morning from Hebrews
on Christ's coming to deliver those who thro' fear of death were all
their life time subject to bondage - In the afternoon text in Micah
7th and 8th - when I sit in darkness the Lord shall be a light unto
me - on the coming of Christ a light to the world - we must all
every day and hour and moment try to live as Christ lived, he
is our example - may he be precious to our souls - our light &
guide thro' this life - thro' death - and our portion in the life to come. -
went to see Helen at noon - found her better than she has been - O Father
of mercies, support, strengthen, cheer her - spare her precious life if it please thee
but above all fit us all for thy will concerning us - thro' Jesus Christ our Lord

May 21st Today Mr. H. and I stay at home. I have been reading Doct. Channing's sermon on these words grace be with all them who love our Lord Jesus Christ a sincerity- Love to Jesus is called forth by a perception of his moral characte his purity his devotion to God and the cause of sinful suffering man. his self sacrificing spirit, his forgiveness of injuries, and his entire conformity and subjection to the will of God.- O when shall we all learn to follow him, and be like him! Last tuesday Mrs. Fisher came over with the children and had her furniture removed.-- The last week I have had less of disturbance in my mind- and more quiet of course. the weather is cold and dry; but the great disposer of the seasons is wise and mercifu giving us daily proofs of his unwearied and unmerited goodness- O that our hearts may suitably feel and realise the great truth that God is love and become transformed into his blessed image- May the teaching and example of Jesus be present with us always to save us from sin from unbelief and distrust in all its forms- and thus may our minds be kept in peace, being stayed on thee, because we do indeed trust in thee- May the Holy Gho be shed abroad every where today- and many press into the kingdom, and lay hold on eternal life-- and thus the Great Redeemer see of the travail of his soul and be satisfie

May 28th Remembered often today the loved and departed, and the loved and absent- and often lifted my earnest desires on their account, to the merciful Dispenser of every blessing- Mr. H- B- Frank and I went to N- had no worship at our church- attended at the Edwards church in the morning, at the methodist in the afternoon, went to see Helen at noon found her comfortable, excepting that she has a cough and raises a good deal. I pray God to spare her precious life and raise her up fro this confinement to greater fidelity and zeal in religious duties- the 18 of this month, she was made the mother of another daughter- may Go Almighty bless the child and sanctify it even from its birth that it may be thine always and entirely. and may parents and children all be thine when thou makest up thy jewels- Wilt thou give efficacy t the various means of religion which have been used this day, and take many to righteousness and let Jesus and his salvation bless all nations- Had a letter from Edward this morning- may he and his wife love & serve thee

June 18th Mr. H- preached at Deerfield today. The rest of us all went to N- excepting Azel- Mr. Ellis preached in the morning from Romans - The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.- This afternoon 1st John 4th 18th- He that feareth is not made perfect in love.-- Two weeks ago last Friday Frederic, and Hannah came to make us a visit. He preached ~~that~~ two ~~following~~ sabbaths at Deerfield - and the second sabbath gave a third sermon at South D—d on his way home, he also preached the next afternoon at Leverett. The wednesday after they arrived Mr. Ellis was ordained over the liberal society in N—n— we all attended - B and I dined at Charles's - the rest at Mr. Fisher's - our intercourse with F— & H— was of a very pleasing nature - I am sure I could not have chosen a person for him, so well suited in all respects. — To the great Father, the kindest and best of friends, do we owe this and all our blessings. With earnestness, did I pray that he might be guided in this important matter by thine unerring wisdom, and how kindly hast thou led him along - and brought him thus far - may our love and gratitude be in some little proportion to our obligations - let him never faint nor tire in the great work of our master - let him not be led away from duty by the temptations of the world - as thou hast given him great influence over his people - may it be sacredly employed for the improvement and salvation of those who are under his spiritual guidance and watch - and for all all trials and labours and sufferings of this life may he be prepared by patient continuance in the way of welldoing - and the faith which overcomes the world.—

July 2d 1843 - Bethia went to Cabotville last Friday - today Mr. H— and I went with Theophilus in his carriage to Northampton Our dear Mr. Ellis preached in the morning from these words my soul is exceeding sorrowful &c— on the sufferings of Christ, ~~and~~ and the benefits which we derive from them - I surely do not as I ought, not with suitable feelings nor with becoming frequency meditate upon the last scene of the great Master's life - may the spirit of God bring back to my mind the thoughts which were presented in the morning's sermon, and at the Lord's supper - so that I may feel their influence thro' the week - this afternoon the text was great is Diana of the Ephesians, among the worshippers of the goddess - there were doubtless many persons of piety - but what a multitude were there who were indifferent as to the obligations to this worship and whose devotion

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May 14th 1843- Sabbath evening- Mr. H. B. Frank and self have been to worship at N-n- heard Mr. George Ellis preach in the morning from 1st Tim. 6th 12th Lay hold on eternal life- whereunto thou art called- In the afternoon his text was in Ezekiel 8th- 12th Hast thou seen what the ancients of Israel do in the dark- every man in the chambers of his imagery- Ezekiel was peculiar for describing the wickedness of the human heart- and this passage most forcibly expresses the the evils which exist in the human heart while unrenewed by the Spirit of Jesus. the images painted upon the walls of the idolatrous temples, represent the vain imaginations, and the vicious propensities which are cherished in the hidden chamb of the inner man- unseen by human eyes- except as they are exhibited in the outward conduct.- The real deep convictio of a future eternal life is the foundation of piety.- Helen is better than she was last sabbath- praised be the goodness of God to us all- may we never cease to trust in him- who is the health of our countenance and our God.- Edward and wife dra tea with us last evening and went on to Deerfield- O that the spirit of God might accompany all the means of religious in=struction which have been enjoyed to day- and Jesus reign every where king of nations as he is king of saints.-

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was prompted by the love of the world in some form or another. even now there are many who are fast bound by ancient custo and creeds and dare not allow themselves to examine the scrip-tures, to find out what they ought to believe-
the love of gain, or popularity, or some other idol takes the place which belongs to God. and they thus become less and les prepared for the kingdom of heaven- After the afternoon servi our dear little granddaughter was baptised at home by the name of Harriett Mills.- we went up- and were greatly delight by the impressive and important thoughts which were utter by our minister, in the most interesting and appropriate language.- O for the Holy Spirit to fix these truths indelib upon the hearts and minds of the parents that they may be

engaged to more entire and faithful efforts to prepare themselves and their children— for death and heaven.— Thanks to God that our dear Helen was able to attend worship in the morning and at the table of our blessed Lord.— May the interesting services of this day be strengthening and animating to us all— and O Father grant that our young minister may be a rich and lasting blessing to this people.— May all the means of religion which have been employed this day every where be blessed to the everlasting life of multitudes— thro' the intercession of our Lord and Saviour J.C.— Praised be the Divine goodness which has so far restored our dear Helen that she was able last tuesday to come over with the children and spend the day her husband also O how I long to see them all seeking thee and thy kingdom with their whole hearts— help them O Father and help us all thy bidding— and when thou puttest into my heart to perform a Duty— O give resolution and wisdom to do it,—

July 9th Mr. H. Theodore and wife went with me to N—n heard Mr. Lippit preach in the morning from these words John Except a man be born again &c— on regeneration— infants are innocent— as their powers enlarge they become selfish— but all have the capacity to serve & love God— to choose goodness and eschew evil— therefore if we are sinners, the fault is our own— in the afternoon, this was the text He that overcometh shall inherit all things— There is much done to diffuse knowledge and spread the gospel— but benevolent efforts merely will not carry people to heaven— they are good and proper but individual piety and devotion to God can alone prepare us to run in the christian race and not tire— and enable us to live in a purer region than do those who grope among the things of earth— Bethia came home wednesday—

Last ~~tuesday~~ the 4th Mr. H— and I ~~went~~ attended the celebration at N—n— the services began by singing Be thou O God exalted high— to the tune Old hundred— then a prayer by Doct. Allen, addresses by Mr. Ellis first followed by all the settled ministers of Northampton— the children of all the schools walked in procession, about 8 or 9 hundred— the grounds beautifully decorated, and the number present estimated at about 3 thousand.— how delightful to have this festival kept in a religious manner— so may holiness to the Lord be inscribed upon all the enjoyments and employments of mankind and Jesus reign King ~~over~~ in the hearts of all men and over all the nations of the world.—

Sabbath July 16th. We have all excepting Mr. H— attended worship at N——n — ~~Our~~ dear Mr. Ellis preach'd in the morning from Ecclesiastes 1st 2 Vanity of vanities &c— To those who have never found the true end of life— all must at ~~times~~ seem like vanity— for there is a want in the human soul— which nothing earthly can satisfy but to those who are enlightened as to their true interests— the blessings of this life have a value not known to others they enjoy all as the gift of their heavenly Father, and as design'd to lead their affections to him— and not expecting perfect happiness here they are daily laying up treasures in heaven— and having their conversation there. This afternoon the text was in Acts 3d 1st— Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer— a most excellent sermon on social prayer— O that the impression on my children may be deep and lasting and also on all who heard it— may it rouse to effort many who are now indifferent and worldly— and may all the means of religion which have been employed this day be made powerful to the salvation of precious souls thro' Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Fanny came home with us.—

July 23d. Theodore B— and I went to N— carried home Fanny— before we went Bethia read to her the writings of our dear Catherine— God grant that a deep and abiding impression upon her mind may be made by them. Mr. Buckingham preach'd in the morning from this text in Proverbs. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.— This afternoon John 4th 9th How is it that thou being a Jew askest drink of me which am a woman of Samaria— the design of the discourse seemed to be to condemn and discourage a spirit of prejudice and bigotry toward those who differ from us in their religious opinions.— our great master tho' ~~he~~ born and educated ~~as~~ a Jew was perfectly free from all unkind feelings— even those who reviled and crucified him. ~~were~~ the subjects of his compassion & prayers— we should guard against indulging feelings of bitterness towards any on account of their opinions—. Last ~~Wed~~nesday. Edward and Ellen came from Deerfield— left us for Cabotville yesterday morning— he is far from being well, troubled with a stricture across the breast, and has raised some blood, Heavenly Father I ask of thee for him thy restoring mercy— bless, O thou who hast power over disease, bless the means using for his recovery, & spare him yet, and grant him health to serve and honour thee yet in this life— but above all prepare us all both to do and bear thy will ~~Thurs~~day we all went to brother's— Friday Mr. and Mrs. Fisher— Lizzy and Mr. Ell with T. and F. and their wives and Mrs. Sumner, visited here.— Have just heard Mr. Greenwood's ser on seeing the departed.— God grant that I may more constantly live the Saviour of our souls.

July 29th 1843 - Sabbath - So rainy that we are all at home, excepting Mr.
H - who rode to N— with Theophilus and Samuell Warner - Last ~~Monday~~
Mr. Ellis called here, and brot a letter to Bethia which Edward wrote
on sunday - It was a great relief to find that he had felt better on that
day than he had for weeks before. God grant that the remedies employ[ed]
may be made the means of restoring him to health and usefulness —
On Friday eleven years ago, our beloved Whiting was removed from our
intercourse here, and we trust received to light and peace and joy
and the arms of our great Redeemer, and the society and friendship
of our dear Catharine, who doubtless most joyfully awaited his
arrival among the holy inhabitants of heaven.. Do I realise as I
ought the ~~cer~~ certainty of these truths, which Jesus came to reveal &
make sure? — "O for a strong and lasting faith —" for the Spirit of God
to assure our hearts before him. I would raise to thee my devout
thanksgivings for the blessed change which was wrought in the
feelings and character of this precious child - that he had a faith
which enabled him to triumph over suffering and death - and
gave to him a glimpse of invisible things - one of the last desires
which he expressed - was that he might be permitted to minister
to the loved members of our family, after he should have put off
the body - & may we not hope that some of our spiritual privileges
have been bestowed in answer to these his parting prayers!.
O Father grant that the remembrance of him and our dear departed
Daughters may so abide with us, that we may ever stand ready to meet
our summons with a cheerful hope in the may great Advocate and In=
-tercessor of his people -- to whom be praise and glory forever amen..

August 6th The rain has been falling thro' the night, and all the morning - a
most refreshing time for the fruits of the earth - the Lord visiteth the earth
and blesseth it - he sendeth the rain in its season - and supplieth the
wants of every living thing - his mercies endure forever. but in the
gospel of his Son, we have the blessed assurance of pardon and sal=
-vation, and eternal life after death. Jesus Christ came to seek and save
those who were lost - such a saviour I need - and tho' I abhor myself on
account of my sins - I am continually doing what I would not! Father
strengthen me to serve thee better in time to come. Last monday T— and wife
and Samuel W. drank tea with us - tuesday Mr. H. went to N—n to celebrate
Emancipation in W. I. - Wednesday Mr. & Mrs. F and Edward dined here - Mr.
Wilson and wife drank tea here. Thursday Theodore, wife, her mother and brother
went to South Hadley. Theophilus and wife and child set out to visit her
friends.. Friday Theodore and wife made a visit to Mr. Apthorp. -- Charley ~~walked~~
over tuesday morning - and returned (was carried to the bridge) yesterday afternoon. -
goodness and mercy follow and surround us - but what poor returns do make! - forgive and
help us for Jesus sake. --

August 20th Mr. H. B. Frank and I went to N. Theophilus walked over— Mr. George Ellis preached in the morning from Acts 17th 23— whom therefo ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. this afternoon 2d Peter 3d chapter, 11th verse— Seeing then that all these &c— what manner of persons ought ye to be &— In view of all the realities of our religion the question which should above all others interest us is to know what character we ought to form, that we may be approved by our fin judge— the ~~two~~ great requisites are self denial and self cultur or renunciation and acquisition — It seemed good to attend public worship after staying at home for so many sabbaths— the Lord pard and accept me in my weakness and sin. and make the word effectu to the salvation of souls.— Last sabbath I was near sick with a col and frightened about T. Phelps.— I am a poor weak creature— the Lord is better to me than my fears. O that I might learn to trust in him!. Tuesday the association dined here it was the anniversary of our beloved Catherine's death— It was not forgotten— tho' a season of care and bustle— John Smith was buried that day— the evening before we had a lecture Mr G. Ellis preac Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Warwick were here. Theophilus returned safely from Abington—. Thursday morning Charles and Helen Mrs. Wells Mary and Edward came over and brought Wells who staid till today—. may God Almighty bless the child and all the family. and prepare us join the great company— when we leave this world.— The sermon this evening was upon these words and there were voices in heaven saying come up hither— O our Father let not these voices speak to us in vain— may our dear departed children speak with power to our hearts— and may we listen and learn the lessons of heavenly wisdom.

August 27th Today Theodore Bethia and I have heard our own minister preach in the morning from these words Hebrews 3d. 12th Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief &c— the most dangerous of all unbelief is, to doubt the realities of the spiritual world, the law of God his perfections and requirements,— and our intimate relation to him—— this afternoon Psalm 42d. 5th Why art thou cast down O my soul &c. It is the height of folly to be dis-

quieted about earthly objects - and even when our anxiety is
respecting our spiritual condition our relief must be to hope in
God - cheerfully leaving ourselves and our concerns to his wise &
merciful disposal - and so when I feel the rising of doubt with
regard to my spiritual state and a foreboding of evil, which
I know is but the just desert of my sins - I think of the words
of Jesus "take no thought for the morrow - Father of all mercy &
power - establish me in the love of ~~truth~~ and duty - & save
me from the sins which bring darkness and doubt over my soul,
The twins spent two or three days here last week, left us
yesterday afternoon. — Thanks to the Author of all my comforts
for health and strength restored - may I improve it to thine
acceptance - Lord remember our dear Helen - direct to and
bless the means to restore her health, and prolong her precious
life - but above all things prepare us all for death and heaven - &
may righteousness and peace fill the world thro' Jesus Christ - amen

Sept. 4th monday afternoon. Yesterday Mr. G. Ellis preached in the morning ~~on~~
from these words John 19th 25th - Now there stood by the cross of Jesus,
his mother - Since the time of our Saviour, woman has been elevated
and honoured - but it seems as if a superhuman power alone could
have aided Mary to act the part she did - she must have had a
faith in him as the son of God - and her knowledge of the purity
and dignity of his character must have given her assurance that
whether in life or death it would be well with him - in the
afternoon the text was in Genesis 3d. 10th and he said I heard thy voice
in the garden and was afraid - never till Adam sinned did the
voice of his maker fall with terror upon his ear - the sermon
was upon the power & the office of conscience - & that every conscience
might be kept tender and watchful and never become hardened thro'
the deceitfulness of sin. Bethia went to N— last evening to stay while
Mrs. Fisher is gone to Boston to attend Frederic's marriage. -
The Lord's supper was administered yesterday -

Sept. 10th We have been to N— and heard Mr. Thayer of Beverly - from these words
Luke 2d 10th which shall be to all people - in the afternoon there be some
standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the son
of man coming in his kingdom. Last monday evening Frederic was
married to Hannah D. Sargent. The left Boston the next day on
their way to Niagara - He is truly the son of many prayers
may God Almighty bless him, guide him sustain him and [illegible]
him so that he may be able to do much for the spiritual
interest, of his people, as they are doing much for his temporal
welfare - may this connexion be for their spiritual improvement &
may they not be led away from the simplicity of Christ. —

Sabbath Oct. 8th 1843 - A very rainy day - this morning Mr H- and Theodore attended worship at N- Hadley - ~~this afternoon~~ they have gone to N-n to see to some arrangements for our dear son Edward - who is quitting his concerns at Cabotville and coming home with his wife - we have been in a state of great anxiety on his account - for several weeks; ~~and~~ he is very desirous of going to the West Indies to try if it will benefit him - but the prospect is very faint - he seems too weak and sick to undertake it - and seeing him thus we grieve, our hearts faint - we shrink from the pain of separation - for him we have strong hope that to die will be gain I think he has long been a man of prayer - and that the truths he has loved and taught and suffered for will now be to him strength and comfort. - To God Almighty all merciful all wise I commit him - If it seem good to thee O Father check the disease and raise him up to strength and activity - but above all, fit him by a strong faith an ardent love, and a hope full of immortality to overcome the fear of death, and fearfully to depart and be with Jesus. Hear and bless us O grant Lord Jesus.

Nov. 12th The work is done - a short work indeed - ! The merciful Father has put a speedy end to the sufferings of our dear son, and laid him to rest among his friends - near his beloved brother and sisters - surrounded at his departure by beloved friends, who praise the goodness which did not allow him in extreme weakness and disease to encounter the pains and dangers of the ocean - truly the name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous runneth into it and are safe. The anguish of separation was chiefly endured by me weeks before the spirit took its flight - and most truly was it my constant prayer, ~~that I might~~ ~~truly~~ to be able to, say thy will be done. Sabbath day Oct. 15th T. and I- went up to see him - the next Tuesday Mr. H- went with me and we took our last leave of the dear child who had been to us so faithful and kind - I kissed his cold lips at parting and invoked most earnestly God's blessing upon him thro' the valley - he seemed indeed to fear no evil having the rod and staff to guide and support him - I spoke to him of having almost reached his home - he replied Blessed release! - ~~The next~~ day Mr. Ellis and Mrs Fisher - and Mr. Fisher with B M nt to see him - the latter staid with him thro' the last struggle and with his wife ministered to him while life continued about 8 in the evening of thursday Oct. 25th the scene closed – and from fainting and suffering – the freed spirit we hope was conducted by kindred spirits, to the mansions which Jesus has prepared for his followers. It is natural to review the character and conduct of those we have loved so dearly on earth, that we may collect materials on which to build our hope for their immortal happiness – His has been a steady growth in holiness – an untiring endeavour to serve God and benefit his fellow men – his age was 36 – but in those few years he lived to greater purpose exerted his powers more strenuously than most men do in a long life. Blessed be God for his life and death! and Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ – who hath given us such a hope of heaven, by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the glorious promises which he has revealed in his word – – may we, all the near relatives, strive to follow him wheresoever he followed Christ. On the last Sabbath, (the funeral having been attended the monday preceding) we all attended worship at Northampton – Mr Ellis preached from these words "If I will that he tarry till I come what is that to thee – follow thou me" a sermon full of interest & instruction to the bereaved and afflicted. In the afternoon the Lord's supper was administered, instead of the usual service – God grant that this solemn providence, may be deeply and lastingly felt and improved by all who have known him and who shall hear of his death – And now great Father, thro' thy mercy in Jesus Christ grant unto us increasing trust in thee more realizing views of the certainty of unseen things and a more ardent desire and endeavour to be Holy as thou art Holy – the weather being cold and windy we none of us go to Northampton – Another scene of suffering seems to be approaching – Strength of the weak – Light of the darkened – Hope of the sorrowing – stand by us all in our need and aid us by thy Holy Spirit thro' Jesus Christ our Saviour –

Sabbath Nov. 19th The family have gone to N—n — may I record the goodness of God the past week — he has preserved my mind in tran and my body in health — has permitted us to receive a call from son Charles and his wife and children besides all the unnumbered — countless and blessings which are flowing in upon us every moment — may the D Spirit regulate all our thots and feelings and prepare us all to follow o dear departed children in to the blessedness of thine eternal kingdom thro Jesu

Jan. 14th 1844 — Nearly two months have passed since the last record what great and multiplied blessings have been flowing in up me and mine — from the doubt and unbelief which follow'd th afflictive event of Gods bereaving rod — he has deliverd me some measure; my mind has been much occupied with etern things, but amidst all I have much in my experience to deplore repent of. — On thanksgiving day I was kept at home and kept B— a by indisposition — having had a turn of loss of memory — Go my preserver, brought back the lost faculty — and still presen my misused powers — what amazing condescension and mercy Mr. H— and Helen and T— attended worship at N— dined at Mr. H heard a good sermon by Mr. Ellis. — The month of Dec. Bethia spent with Helen and Charles — and Mrs. Fisher. — On Christm evening Mr. Ellis held a service at the church — which was well fill'd — before night we call'd on Helen. who was surrounded by her little flock, distributing apparently her last christmas, gifts to the dear objects of her love. — And a how truly must her prayers have arisen for the Spirit of Jesus to pervade all their hearts —. The last evening of the year Mr. Ellis again addressed his people in a most interesting & solemn manner — from these words, let it alone this year also Theodore & Helen and I attended. — God grant th mighty influences of his spirit to give the word success. — toda Mr. H— and B have gone to N—n. may they and all who he the word have grace to improve their advantages — that thy kingdom may come and thy will be done thro' the earth for Chris

Feb. 27th Two weeks ago tomorrow night, Frederic arrived to make us a visit — the time passed very pleasantly with him — he told us many things about himself his people, and the state of religion in that region — which shewed that the Lord is carrying on his work - and that he has inclined the hearts of his people, to minister abundantly to him of their temporal things - May the Infinite Spirit assist him in making known to them the whole counsel of God knowing that to declare to them faithfully their danger, is the best way to show his attachment and kind regard for their souls -. Saturday evening we invited Theophilus and his wife and little W.- with Theodore and his family to hear the sermon which was to be delivered the following wednesday at Templeton, at the ordination of Mr. Damon.— — Sabbath day we went to Leverett to hear T— preach - In the morning his text was in James "for what is your life" very solemn & interesting - our life is an opportunity for usefulness and for preparation for immortality -- In the afternoon - this was the text, "consider and the Lord give you understanding &c— on consideration - ~~At the~~ evening we went to Theophilus; and spent the evening - monday we had Mr Ellis and Mr. Fisher, with T. and T. and their families to dinner, and Mrs F also to tea _ Tuesday Mr. H— took him to Templeton & so ended this visit_ thro' the whole - we were highly favoured - it is refreshing to receive our absent children and experience their kind regard and witness their zeal and diligence in good works - one who was permitted thus to bless us has been removed from us - and soon we too shall follow. But because we are mortal we are not at liberty to overlook the ten thousand sources of enjoyment which still remain - rather let us enjoy and improve them in such a manner that we may be permitted to enter upon higher and holier services in a brighter world - Thanks to God for this blessed token of his goodness in giving us this pleasant visit - Grant O Father that he may do thy will aithfully and acceptably thro' Jesus Christ -. Last sabbath Mr. H— nd I staid at home - took care of little Walter --

rch 6th Wednesday evening - Last sabbath we all went to N—' A S and Walter - Mr. Ellis preached in the morning from these words Psalms - none that trust in him shall be desolate

At noon went to Charles; Our dear Helen is sinking
into the grave - wasted to skin and bones - so weak
she cannot bear her weight - and yet cheerful - resig
and willing to go and leave her little ones believing
that they will be taken care of. It is truly to be no
with great gratitude, that her fears are removed; a
that she can converse upon her situation with compo
It is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes - m
we be encouraged to trust in that God who hears and
=swers prayer. The afternoon service was the celebration
the Lords Supper. Mr. Ellis's address was upon the duty
of Christians to love one another.

March 18th monday afternoon - Yesterday the riding was so bad - that no
of us attended worship at Northampton - Charley came over with T-
last week and is here still. he is a very good boy. makes no tro
and I believe manifests no wicked disposition - & has earnestly d
I desire that he and all his brothers and sisters may be gather
into the fold of Christ - and become his sincere and humble followers

March 24th Sabbath evening - We have all been at home today
on account of the bad riding - Charley and Mills also - Theodo
and wife went to North Hadley - and Frank walked to North-
=ampton. - I have endeavoured to spend the day properly - but
do not feel satisfied with myself or my services. I try
to bring my dearest interests to God in prayer - I long to do
something to advance the kingdom of Jesus in the world - but
my energies are failing - O thou who pitiest thy frail and
and dying children - increase my faith my hope and trust in
thee, thro' the Son of thy love, and give me more of his spirit
I pray not for myself alone - may all dear to me become
more and more the objects of thy kind regard. - and thine shal
be the kingdom power and glory forever amen -

April 1st - Monday - yesterday the riding was bad, and only Theodore and
Bethia went to Northampton - In the afternoon Charles came ov
to carry home the little boys - and inform'd us that all was at re

home, Helen was gone - died at eight the night before - it seems
breathed out her soul into the hands of her Saviour with his revered name on her lips - her greatest
-fort since her return from Boston has been in religious truth
bible and exercises of devotion. - thro' her sickness she has
nifested great composure, resignation, ~~patience~~, and faith -
ith a uniform gratitude and cheerfulness - It must have
t her great effort to give up her little flock - but the blessed
mforter strengthened her and she gained the victory - and now
o' we may and must grieve that we shall see her lovely face
o more, nor hear her sweet voice, nor meet her beautiful
ye beaming with intelligence and kindness - yet we do hope
hat in a higher holier state, where sin and sorrow and pain &
eath can never come, we may meet again - meet to part no
more -. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ accompany this
orrowful event with the quickening and sanctifying influences
f his Holy Spirit upon the hearts of the stricken husband, and bereaved
hildren. and may every one of us have reason to say it is
good for us that we have been afflicted -

il 14th Last sabbath we all went to A.n - Mr. Ellis preach'd in the
orning from these words He is not here but is risen Easter. Mr. H- B. and I stay'd over - the open-
ng of the grave by the resurrection of Jesus was strikingly
welt upon. and the mourners for our dear Helen were noticed
kindly by our minister and with great feeling - the Tuesday
before her funeral was attended, we all went over - before the
prayer Fanny was rebaptized by the name of Helen Frances.
her father and grandmother wished her to bear the name of
her mother and he was desirous that the change might be
made in a religious way. the scene was overwhelming
to all the near relatives - I never witnessed any thing of the
kind so deeply solemn impressive and affecting - God grant
that the effects may be lastingly beneficial to us all -

To day Mr. H- Frank and I went to A.n Mr. Ellis preached
in the morning upon the connection between the Jewish and
Christian religion the text was in Galatians 3- 21st - this afternoon.
Bethia has taken up her residence with Charles for a time to comfort
and assist him and his children in their bereavement - Mr.
H and I expect this week to go and see Frederic The Lord be with us

will wherever we are and keep us safe from si
harm by his almighty and merciful protection
May 10th Friday - Thursday April 18th Mr. H- and I went to Boston -
sabbath we heard Frederic preach from these words - He that ma
haste to be rich shall not be innocent - he described the unla
measures which are used in the pursuit of gain, in the va
branches of labour and enterprise which occupy mankind -, an
his people to escape entirely from all forbidden practises - it wa
independent practical preaching - The Lord help him to perseve
not fearing the wrath of man. - but speaking the truth in love
he persuade many to walk in the steps of our divine Master. -
in Boston we received much kind attention, and saw with
=tion many marks of high respect and regard shown to our de
Son, by his own people - and had reason to believe that he an
labours are held in high estimation by the community in
he is placed - this is all of the Lord's mercies - undeserved by u
calling for our unfeigned and ardent thanksgiving - perhaps it
not continue - O Father guard him I beseech thee, that he may
by any unworthy act or word or feeling forfeit the esteem and re
which he now poſseſses - make him to be clothed with humi
that he may be sure of thy favourable regard -, We came hom
the thirtieth day of April. finding all well - Saturday after our ret
we went to N-n Mr. H- went to Deerfield I stayed at N-n till
monday afternoon when Mr. H- came back and we returned hom
We are now boarding with Theodore - In remembrance of all the m
=plied mercies which have been shown us - we should be filled w
holy and devout gratitude - Lord without thy help we are utterl
helpleſs and displeasing to thee - Bleſsed Spirit may I not be
more worldly under the constant overflowings of thy goodneſs,
may mercies and afflictions all conspire to fit us for the bleſse
society of the redeemed in the presence of God and the Lamb, thro' Jesu
May 12th Sabbath - I have been with Theophilus Theodore and Frank
Have heard Mr. Nightingale preach in the morning from Matt. 6
9th. Our Father which art in heaven - may I meditate more on this
attribute of the most High - went on the hill at noon - little Edward
but growing better - Charles thinks of going to Boston and Cambridge th
week - this afternoon the text was in Colossians 3d 2d Set your affections
a most affecting allusion was made to the feelings which we should

rish toward our departed friends - we should never suffer
e ties which have bound our hearts to theirs to be sever'd
weakened - we may think of them as gone before to
ceive us when we are called, and also as now permitted
come to us, to watch over us, and encourage or instruct
s; but especially should we often think of that compassionate
viour who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities
nd who is ever our Intercessor before the mercy seat,
God grant that the services of the sanctuary may
make an impression on many hearts deep and lasting
ot only among our people but every where throughout
the christian world - and in all our worldly occupations
may we have reference to the approbation and acceptance
ur Father who art in heaven and thus ever set our
ffections on things above and not on the things of earth,
Mr H unwell and staid at home - God grant that we
may both be in actual and habitual readiness for our
last change which cannot be far distant - May thy our Lord's
kingdom come on earth as in heaven thro' Jesus Christ.
y 19th Mrs H - and I went to N-n - heard Mr Ellis preach in the morning
g from Romans 5th 8 - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that
hile we were yet sinners Christ died for us - - this afternoon - -
ming home we went to Helen's grave, and to the graves of our
hildren - O why do we thus long to meet them again -? is it not
n earnest, an evidence that our heavenly Father intends thus
blefs us? - today we have been urged by the most powerful
motives to follow the example of Jesus to be constrained to love
God who hath not spared his son but freely given him up for
us all, and to love and follow his beloved Son - Father of
all mercies shew me the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ
forgive my sins - purify me and fit me and all mine
to serve thee more perfectly in thy heavenly kingdom - and O
help me to pray thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as in heaven
ne 2d got home today from Northampton, where I have been almost a fort-
night - staying with Bethia and Mrs. Fisher - How much have I to be
thankful for! - kind children, a supply for temporal wants - and some
faint sense of the importance of things invisible - today Mr Peabody
preached in the morning from Acts 9th 36th this woman was full of
good works and alms deeds which she did - - in the afternoon from Ecclesiastes

6th Chapter 12th verse - For who knoweth what is good for man
this life - on the unsatisfactory nature of all earthly and selfi
pursuits, and shewing that to have our wills subjected to th
divine will, to love what God loves, to do what he approv
to be influenced always by the spirit of Jesus, is the only w
be happy now and forever.. In this infancy of our being tria
are necessary, and if we rightly improve them will prepar
for higher and holier services in the future life —
June 9th Mr. Ellis' text in the morning was in Acts 17 - 30th But the time
this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men every
to repent - This afternoon in Ecclesiastes 7th 2d verse - It is better to go to
house of mourning than to the house of feasting, for that is the e
all men, and the living will lay it to heart - if people do not gr
better by these solemn lessons they will become hardened by them i
their follies and thoughtlessness - they should go to the house of mour
with ~~with~~ an affecting sense of their own mortality, and with a
and lasting desire to be prepared for their own death. least of all should
go among these solemn realities out of mere idle curiosity - may
Father let the late death among our people be improved by many a
a means of sanctification and eternal life - Let not these frequent
be unheeded, but may they in concurrence with the preachin
thy word the ordinances of the gospel, and the various means
thy grace and providence bring about a signal reformatio
among the people, a general revival of practical godliness —
June 16th Sabbath - Today we all attended worship at N—n Mr. Ellis' text
the morning 21st chapter of Revelation 3d verse - the tabernacle of God is w
men &c. - Since the advent of the Saviour God dwells with men mor
fully and literally than before - where the gospel is preached there i
excuse for irreligion - the calls are freely made and every individ
is bound to accept - to reject is to set at nought the commandm
the mercy and the love which is ever ready to save us. - This af
=noon text Matthew 12th ch. 34th verse - how can ye being evil speak goo
things? or as it might be said do ~~good~~ things - an excellent sermon -
the question how shall we become prepared to do good works & he
answers - by solemn silent and continued meditation upon God his
government, his works and his perfections - by studying the li
and characters of his faithful servants; also by fervent persevering p
enter into thy closet, and shut the door, and from a heart resolved t
serve God pour forth the earnest prayer of faith, saying cleanse thou
and I shall be cleansed - may the Divine spirit who inclined ou

inister thus to exhort and instruct
e people, cause the word thus spoken
take root, to spring up and bring
th fruit an hundred fold - - - that the
ther may be glorified in the Son - -
ousin from Woodstock here. -
bath June 23 - Mr. H - Frank and I went to
Mr. Ellis preached from 2d Corinthians 3 - 3.
the epistle of Christ, ministered by us
itten not with ink &c. - the bible is the
rd written with ink - but religion in the
art, is inscribed by the Spirit of the
ving God - this Spirit is working in
ery human soul - those who receive
nd cherish its influences shall receive
ore abundantly - but woe to them
ho quench and grieve away the friend
o comes to bless and save. - In the
ternoon text in John 7th 24th judge not
cording to the appearance ~~&c~~ - all hasty
dgment is dangerous - to judge righteously
t is necessary to understand many
circumstances which we have no means
of knowing - and rather than injure
another, we should forbear to express
our opinions at all - there is only One
who can search the heart and who
sees deep and wide in the inner man
to him let judgment be committed and
left - - Infinite Father for this day's priv=
ileges may I be truly thankful and I
beseech thee cause the instruction I have
heard to abide with me, and bear much
fruit that I may indeed be thy disciple
and O thou Fountain of light and life
cause the means of religion which have
been used this day to have their de=
signed effect upon the hearts of men
every where, that from this sabbath
a rich harvest of souls may be
gathered into the kingdom of Jesus
our Lord - to whom with thy, self be glory forever amen
une 30th Sabbath - Mr. H went with me
to Groton - - Mr. Smith of Warwick preached
in the morning from these words One thing
is needful. that is religion - other things
may seem desirable - but this is absolutely
necessary - there can be no safety or hap=
piness without it - in order to be under
its influence the intellect must be enlight=
ened with the knowledge of those truths

which the bible reveals - the heart must be deeply affected, and the practice must make manifest these in the life and conduct - in the afternoon the text was in Matthew, The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened - - the purifying influences of christianity were remarkable during the two first centuries after the time of the Saviour christians adhered more closely to the example of Jesus and the apostles, they distributed more generously of their substance to relieve poverty, they did not oppress their fellowmen - and they abstained from contention and refused to fight - since that time, professed christians have conformed to the customs of the world and the kingdom of heaven has been retarded in its progress - O thou author of all good - let this sabbath with all its ministrations, wherever it has been observed be blessed to the salvation of sinners and the whole world speedily be converted - a year ago today little Harriette was baptized - dedicated by that mother who now sleeps in the grave - or rather by that dear spirit who having been made perfect thro' suffering - has passed into the regions of purity and peace. - God of mercy help the remaining parent to be father and mother both to this dear flock - that they may at length be reunited among the redeemed in thy kingdom of glory. O thro' Jesus our blessed Lord to whom be glory and honor for ever. On our way home we looked at the resting place of our beloved children, and shed some tears over their precious memory. By the sadness of the countenance may our hearts all be made better -

July 7th Theodore and wife Sarah and I went to Northampton, carried Charley. Mr. H staid at home Charley came back to stay another week. little Harriette quite sick. may the Lord heal her if it be best - above all fit her and all who feel concerned for thy holy will - had a few lines from Frederick last night telling us of the birth of a son - born the 3d of July - saying "God has made his mother's sufferings light -

My dear Elizabeth,

Before

Mills, have learned that Death
one of the fairest sweetest flo
it is the sleep from which
archangel — when this corrupt
mortal shall put on immor
be laid with her mother a
about ten o'clock yesterda
untill two when she be
Charles went to Hadley at
him. Your presence wou
and sister — . Higher conso
increase them abundantl
able to cast our burdens

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reaches you. you will probably by Mr.
as again entered this dwelling - and with us
s - little Harriet sleeps in her cradle, but
, will not awake but at the voice of the
shall put on incorruption, and this
ity -. At four o'clock this afternoon she will
sister in the quiet resting place. After
morning she was convulsed more or less
e easier, and died without any severe struggle
ight yesterday, and I came back with
have been a great comfort to your brother
ons I trust they enjoy - and may God
as they have need - and may we all be
on the Lord who careth for us. -

Hadley Feb. 10 1844 - Another year has passed away and sixty five years are completed since my mortal life began. Last sabbath the 4th of Feb. I mark'd and remembered, and observed as another birth day - So the Lord lengthens out my span, while my children are taken to the world of spirits. They in the morning of their days, or on the threshold of active life, or in the midst of usefulness, are taken away, and I old weary decaying & unworthy am left - "No creature asks the reason why nor God the reason gives". I try to believe that it is in faithfulness that God hath afflicted me. - I wish to be assured that the rod is in a father's hand. I know that I am both ungrateful and rebellious - but O my Father, take not thy Holy Spirit from me; leave me not to be "sifted as wheat." O hear the voice of the great Intercessor, and thro' him, may I be cleans'd and forgiven. I would not forget the constant flow of blessings which have been coming to me and mine during the past year. and tho' one of my precious children has gone to the grave, and the dear wife of of another seems near her departure, I still look to thee, and wait on thee to prepare me for life suffering death and heaven. Thro' Jesus thy Son who is
worthy -

March 18th 1844 Today is thirty one years since Theodore first drew the vital air - I would try to call to mind some of the mercies which have been bestowed upon him and myself - but I am unable to glance at the blessings of even one day of all these years - O how weak and ignorant and forgetful am I under such multiplied favours! how gladly would I devote myself with all my powers to thee! - but feeling my unworthiness and weakness, I come to thee O Father to implore of thee thy sanctifying and assisting grace, to this thy servant - wilt thou give him more of the Spirit of prayer, and help him every day to offer in secret the morning and evening sacrifice - let his whole life be a sacrifice and offering to thee; and on this occasion looking back upon the life thou hast given preserved and so enriched with thy mercies, may he anew and most sincerely dedicate what remains to thee - Lord hear me accept and pardon me thro' Jesus our prevailing advocate - amen -

April 13th Day before yesterday I remembered and observed as the birth day of our beloved Mary - Thanks to God our kind Father for the hope which he hath given concerning her - that we sorrow not for her departure as those who have no hope - blessed be his Holy name that her heart was moved to seek him, early - may we ever cleave to him who hath done great things for our dear departed children - and hath inclined those who remain to be diligent in seeking thee - give to us all large portions of thy spirit, that we may experience always thy supporting guiding and sanctifying Spirit thro' Jesus Christ our great Intercessor to whom be glory forever amen -

May 10th Day before yesterday Wednesday was the birth day of Mr. Fisher, and our dear departed Catharine; I had intended to observe some peculiar services, but In the morning I was called to go and stay with Eliza who had a turn of cholic - the occasion however was not overlooked entirely - Lord forgive my neglect of duty and help me to serve thee better in time to come.

--- Edward's birth day occurred while we were in Boston - Father of mercies pardon

April 17th The birthday of Mary the eleventh—was passed over without the usual observation—and a multiplicity of employments and avocations have till now prevented my giving to it the time and thought which I desired—but it has often been in my mind—and my recollections of the life and charactr of this dear child, have lifted my desires to the mercy seat, that I may be prepared to join at length in those holy employments which constitute the happiness of the spirits of the just made perfect. Goodness and mercy followd her thro' her short life, and tho' some severe afflictions were her portion, blessed be God for the hope that they were sanctified means of spiritual improvement—to me I hope her life and death have not been wholly in vain—and I desire now to return the most grateful acknowledgments that I have not mourned without hope—may this short interval of mortal life which remains remains to me be so filled up with services to thee and my friends, that death may be a peaceful transition to the world of peace and joy—thro' Jesus Christ

April 25th 1845—The anniversary of dear Edward's birth—when my parents were living and able to visit me—what changes have taken place since then—they have long since been removed to the world of spirits—and he too has been taken to the great congregation—and may we hope that a meeting of all the members of our family will take place? that those who have been dear to us as life—may look upon us, and reach out to us the welcoming hand?—can all this ever be?—why not? do we not hunger and thirst after righteousness—and will not such be filled—God hath not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation thro' our Lord Jesus Christ—O may his mercy prepare us to say as this beloved child did—To live is Christ, but to die is gain, that the day of our death may be better than the day of our birth.—

May 8th The anniversary of Elizabeth's and Catharine's birth—one still engaged in the struggle of this life—the other passed over long since to the world of light and peace where no sin shall defile—no sorrow or pain or death find admittance—may God in his infinite mercy bring us at length thro' this scene of trial to meet in his presence—and serve him forever.—thro' Jesus Christ our Lord

May 25th Yesterday was Charles' birthday—but in the multitude of my cares and labours it was forgotten—Now O my father help me to pray that the solemn and sorrowful visitation of thy providence may be the effectual means of purifying and elevating all his [illegible] for thy service and that he and his dear children may be fitted to join his departed wife and children in thy blessed presence for Jesus sake—amen

July 13th On the eleventh Theophilus had his little girl baptized by the name of Marie Whiting - Frederic made the first prayer Mr H— performed the rite and made the closing prayer. an interesting season - a hymn was sung. - It was a beautiful commemoration of his birth day. - May a blessing follow all the pleasing circumstances of this family meeting; probably we shall never have another such - but we hope for one in the life after death of more intense interest - and more sublime and permanent enjoyment. - For same reason I omitted to notice the birthday of our beloved departed Whiting - - as I approach nearer to a blessed reunion, may my thots more frequently soar to those regions where four of my precious children have been I trust received and made happy and where parents and dear friends are employed among the redeemed, in those holy and delightful services of which we in our darkness ignorance and sin can hardly form a conception.

July 20th William and his family are staying with Theodore - and in the numerous labours which have engaged me, and the constant flow of company which are coming and going, I omitted the usual notice of his birth day - but I endeavour every day in the secret devotion of the morning and evening to commit to the Ever present and Almighty Helper, every one of my dear children who remain in this mortal state - and also to praise God for the hope he has given us for those who have been removed. -

Oct 10th On looking over back a page or two I find the omission of our dear Whiting's birth day and Frederic's which comes on the same day - why it was I cannot tell - but my memory is poor and many cares are upon my mind; and now I find I have overlooked our

our dear Bethia's birthday - however for this I would be thankful - that day and
night - I supplicate for each of my living children a Father's blessing - and also render
thanks to God that he has given me so much reason to hope that it is well with &
the departed - It cannot be long that I shall stay here to sin or suffer or to enjoy.
God grant that my sins may become fewer and fewer and less and less offensive
and as my mercies are encreasing my power to consecrate all to him may be
greatly strengthened, - tho' I fall lamentably - do thou for Jesus sake help me up, and
enable me to resist the devil that he may flee from me. - But I forget the
errand on which I came - hear me in behalf of those dear children who have
been forgotten - thou knowest how tenderly I feel for them and all - encircle them
all in thine merciful Almighty love and protection thro' Jesus - our only mediator ?

March 29th 1840 - Sabbath day - Since the middle of Jan. my health ~~has~~ has been broken by re=
peated attacks of disease, and on my birthday was quite confined by sickness - as I had in
some measure the power of thought I endeavoured to hold communion with invisible things -
but I am failing in body and mind, & heavenly Father forgive my sins, in the name
of thy Son Jesus - a week ago last wednesday was Theodore's birthday - forgotten by me
at the time - I was suffering then with a disease in the stomach and bowels, which
attends me still, tho' I hope it is beginning to give way - I would offer my petition to thee
& Father now in behalf of this dear son, praying that thy Spirit may dwell in him
and so sanctify and influence him that he may enjoy thy presence and do thy will
both in this life and that which is to come. for from thee is all our help. -

May 24th This is the birthday of my first-born, and I bring him again to thy mercy seat,
in much imperfection and weakness and disease, but seeking earnestly for spiritual gifts
for this beloved son - he is growing old and gray-headed. and all his life long, I have
been commending him to thee and the power of thy grace - now O Lord as he is left alone
to watch over his precious little flock, grant him an all sufficient supply of thy
grace and the spirit of Jesus, that he may lead them on in paths of truth and virtue
having a right discernment of heavenly truth may he faithfully and diligently
impart it to his children that in the great day of final account he may stand be=
fore thee and say Lord here am I and the children thou hast given me. - Dear Mary's
dear Edward's birthday, and Mr Fisher's and Catherine's have all occurred since my
Disease has been upon me, but they were not forgotten, by me, and I trust & hope
they will all be remembered in mercy by him whose blessing alone can give peace & rest. -
thro' Jesus the prevailing Intercessor. -

Oct. 11th Mr. H's birth day. Seventy years old. How fast our life is wasting away - Certainly a few more fleeting days will complete our stay upon the earth - Lord teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Let us by meditation and prayer, and the faithful performance of our relative duties - prepare ourselves to to unite with the General Assembly and Church of the first born, in ascribing glory and dominion thanksgiving and praise to him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever. Leave us not O our Father in our last days to darkness and doubt and unbelief but grant us light and peace and hope in thy mercy thro' Jesus Christ Lord amen

Feb. 6th The 4th my birth day was very cold, and I could not retire from the family to make mention of God's goodness by writing - but I would now speak of his goodness, & mercy which have followed me all my days. I trust it was he who bro't to my mind many of the occurrences of my life on that day - and I hope gave me some sense of my obligations to him who has multiplied his blessings unto me more than the passing moments of my life - and what can I say. I only repeat the same cry for pardon, and strength to serve him better in time to come. - He has blessed me the last year with an uncommon degree of health and activity and strength, I earnestly pray that all that I am and have may be more entirely consecrated to him - .

- On the 10th Theodore's birth day I was exhausted by watching with Eliza - I did not however neglect or forget the day but offer'd up fervent petitions for him. that his heart might be duly affected by a sense of the swiftness of the passing moments - and that he might be prepar'd especially for serving God both here and in the life to come, O Father reward him for all his kindness to me and his family. especially to his brother for whose sake he took his parents the last year for boarders - let him not be a loser even in a temporal view of the case - and with thou help him ever to conduct in such a manner, as to keep a conscience void of offence both toward God and toward man. thro' thy mercy in Jesus Christ thy beloved Son to whom be glory forever amen -

the sins of my holy things, and as my days are fast passing away, may my preparation for eternity be more faithfully pursued, so that from the faint and imperfect performance of duty here we may enter upon the glorious services of the redeem'd in heaven.--

J June - On the birth day of Charles, I was at N--n - also on the birth day of Whiting and Frederic but the occasions were not pass'd by unheeded. tho' neither were they observed as they would probably have been had I been at home -- But on every morning and evening I bring them to God in prayer - may it not be a formal service but the cry of earnest devout supplication, in the name of the Lord Jesus which shall receive an answer of peace.

July 12th 1844 - Yesterday Theophilus was 33 years old - thro' the weakness of my memory, and not surely from a multiplicity of cares was it forgotten - but our heavenly Father is not strict to mark our iniquities against us else we should long time have been consumed. now Lord help me to seek with my most earnest desires a blessing for him and his. Earthly blessings I would not ask - the life of the soul - the eternal life - the life of holiness beginning here and reaching forward to the unseen and everlasting, is what I come now to pray for - in the name of Jesus the great Intercessor, who has purchased for perishing sinners forgiveness of sins and the hope of heaven - I offer this prayer Father of mercies Hear, forgive, and give us all peace in believing - and hearts to ascribe glory and dominion thanksgiving and praise to him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb. forever & ever.

July 16th 1844 - I now would bring to the mercy seat our dear William who today is 40 years old - I remember his birth, my dear mother was then my nurse and my companion how much of change have he and I both known since that time - Lord remember not our sins nor our transgressions, but according to thy mercy remember thou us O Lord - help him as minister of Jesus Christ to double his diligence, grant him new supplies of grace wisdom and inward purity and strength, and may he at length receive many souls as the crown of his rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus - regard him as a father and husband and help him to be Prophet Priest and King to his family - Father to thee I would commend him, to the word of thy grace - and the power of thy Holy Spirit thro' Jesus our great Intercessor - amen--

Oct. 7th Today is the anniversary of Bethia's birth - 39 years since this precious child was added to our family and what a rich blessing has she been to us - and still continued. What shall I render to the Lord for his goodness - Father still spare her to comfort our declining years - to instruct us - and by her example to confirm us in the way of virtue and holiness - and O may thy blessing which alone giveth peace ever rest upon her, fit her by a life of holiness and devotedness to thee to receive a welcome to the great company of the redeemed in thy presence thro' Jesus Christ amen--

Hadley August 14th 1842. Sabbath. Mr. H. B. and I have been to N—n heard Mr. Smith in the morning from these words Follow after charity— the grace insisted on today was not that which relieves physical suffering, but the kindness of feeling which checks the harsh judgment the evil surmise, the taking up a report against our neighbour— let the true love of God and man fill the heart, and words of love and kindness will flow from the lips. This afternoon the text was in 3d chap. Revelations 17th verse Thou saist I am rich and increased in good &c— shewing the great need of self examination— all are prone to deceive themselves— from various causes— how pressing the need of earnest frequent self scrutiny— O thou Author of all good influences accompany the preaching of thy word with us and everywhere with power from on high that it may not return to thee void but yield a rich harvest to the glory of thy name.

ugust 15th 1842. Twelve years ago—perhaps nearly at this hour our cherished our beloved and lovely Catherine, ceased to be a resident among us— the wasted frame, worn out with extreme suffering gave up its immortal companion, into the hands of heavenly messengers— we cannot trace its flight. but we have the blessed assurance that where Jesus is there shall his followers be. How wonderful how amazing that goodness which has provided and revealed such a state after death! Three precious children have finished their earthly course— Praised be God for the cheering hope they have left for us— Are they not more closely united than than ever they were here, and O how strong was the love which bound their hearts together— but doubtless the love which reigns among glorified spirits is purer and deeper than we can even conceive— Shall we not join that happy throng— is it too much to hope that we may all at length meet in the great company, to enjoy and serve our Father and Saviour for ever. amen.

August 28. A week ago today we went to N–n and I stay'd
with Helen till today, Charles went to Boston on monday
morning. and returned this morning – Last sabbath in the
morning Mr. Smith preached a funeral sermon on the death
of Mr. Brewer – In the afternoon Mr. Coolidge preached –
Today Mr C– preach'd all day from these words, 1st Thessalonia
5th 17th Pray without ceasing – In the morning his subject
was the duty of always cultivating the spirit of prayer –
this afternoon he insisted more particularly on reasons
for this duty of secret and family prayer. O how
I long to have all the people receive ~~the truth~~ and
obey it – O Lord how long shall it be ere thy truth shall
subdue the stony heart – O Father may thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen. –

Sept. 11th Last sabbath B. and I went with Frank, to N–n – Mr. Packa
preach'd – Theodore unwell, but growing better, wednesday took co
and over work'd – Charles and Helen came over with Miss Ma
and Edward – Thursday Theodore went to the cave with a party
grew more unwell, and Friday had the doctor – the means use
were so far bless'd that he is now comfortable – may the Lo
perfect his begun goodness – and fill our hearts with gratefu
praise – today we have been – B. and I – to N–n Theophilu
and Samuel also – Mr. George Ellis preach'd in the morn
from John's gospel – these words, for he knew what was in
man – On the adaptation of christianity to the spiritual
wants of man – ~~we the~~ the human soul needs both fea
and love, to induce it to receive and obey the truth –
this afternoon Jeremiah 10th 23d the way of man is not in hi
=self it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps –
we are not the slaves of circumstance, we have power to d
and yet God works in us – this is a mystery – we cannot
explain – but we do know, that sin brings sorrow and
obedience to the Divine will gives peace – O Father gi
us this peace which love and obedience can alone impart –
and may the world be fill'd with thy glory and goodness – we fou
little Edward very sick with dysentery – the Lord send relief and support

and a sanctified improvement of all the chastenings of his holy providence, especially may the parents be brought to a more entire trust in thee and devotion to thy service.— Mr. H— preached today at Leverett—

Sept. 18th. We have been to N— today - and met our dear friends from France who arrived there friday - what shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits - the week past has been signally mark'd with interesting occurrences - a letter from Frederic gave us information which if it answer our expectations will be conducive to the comfort and usefulness of his life as a minister of Jesus Christ. I have of late laid the case before thee O my Father - entreating thy guidance and blessing - and now may I not hope that thou hast heard my prayer, and wilt grant thy blessing - all earthly good is useless without thy favour and acceptance; grant this God of all power and mercy thro' Jesus Christ thy Son.

Mr. Ellis preach'd this morning from John's gospel + the world itself could not contain the books that should be written - the consequences which have flow'd from the teaching and example the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, it would be impossible to record in writing but they will flow on and increase from one generation to another, as long as the world shall continue - The Lords supper was celebrated - and our thots were sweetly and affectingly led to contemplate the presence of our great master and Saviour, and the presence of our dear departed friends who have gone on before us as we hope to their home in heaven - and yet are permitted to hold intercourse with us here as we draw near to God in the institutions of his house. This afternoon Mr. Ellis preached from these words Ye believe in God believe also in me.

To morrow Mrs. Fisher and the boys are to come over and spend the week God grant that we may be directed in our conversation and feelings - and that harmony and peace and love may prevail and thy love and fear sanctify all our intercourse - and enjoy [illegible] thro' Jesus Christ our Lord to whom be praise and glory forever.

Oct. 8th 1842 - Saturday evening.. The last sabbath, Mr. H. B and I
went with Frederic to Cabotville, where he preached by exch
with Mr. Buckingham. The sabbath previous he preached at
N—n by an exchange with Mr. Ellis - and spent the interven
=ing week with us at home. It was very gratifying to hea
him two sabbaths in succession - For his ministerial qual
fication, which tho' he is my son I must say are rathe
uncommon, I would take ~~take~~ no pride or consequence
to ourselves.. most truly can I say not unto us, not
unto us, but to thy name be the glory - and now my ea
=nest desire is, that God would mercifully preserve his min
in a humble frame, that he may not be exalted in his own
estimation, but in deep self-abasement cry earnestly for pard
and thy guidance and help. great indeed and difficult are
the duties to which he is called; may Almighty strength be read
at his right hand, and the Spirit of Christ help his infirm
=ities. Monday he returned to Boston, and I stayed at Edward
till thursday, when Theodore and his wife, and Mrs. F—
went down and we came home together. Last week Liz
=zie and Catherine spent with us - and the week before
Mrs. Fisher and the four boys. And now O heavenly Par
=ent, how can I praise thee as I ought - for the multipl
=ed blessings which have been flowing in upon us?—
I have nothing to offer thee but what thou givest - pre=
=pare I beseech thee from my heart an offering of devout
obedience and heartfelt gratitude - and prepare me
and all mine for the holy services of thy blessed day
thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.—

Oct 16th Sabbath evening - Today B— and I went with F— to N—n M
Holland preached in the morning from these words silver and gold
have I none - On the duty of giving - or rather making effort
to increase human happiness and human virtue - an excell
=ent sermon, may it come back to my thoughts and prove a useful
monitor - this afternoon It is I be not afraid. secret unbelief is
the cause of most of our trouble. Last Friday was three
years since our dear Mary's departure - and may I not hope tha
we shall yet meet again, & that my thoughts may be more occupied o
invisible things - so that we may even at times long to depart an

be with Christ and all the good- may our dear departed children be to us ministering spirits- watching over us, to guide instruct and comfort us- may the interesting scenes of the present week as we pass along, bring along with ~~them~~, fresh tokens of thy favour and new memorials of our gratitude and obedience to thee. O Father I ask ~~that~~ thou wilt succeed the effort of our minister to revive the spirit and power of religion among our congregation, and may he be assisted and blessed- Look on thy whole human family and pity and save the souls thou hast made. Our son Theodore has been afflicted many weeks first with sickness and since with distressing tumors on his hands- they seem to be growing better- may he learn heavenly wisdom by what he has suffered- and be drawn more closely to thyself by these chastenings of thy hand.-

Oct. 23d- I would with a deep sense of gratitude to Him who governs all our concerns. make mention of his great goodness to us and ours the last week. We have been indulged with the privilege of seeing our youngest son ordained as a minister of the gospel over the South Congregational Church in Boston- year after year I have been bearing him on my heart to the mercy seat, pleading for him, that he ~~might~~ be prepared for this great work and be indeed a workman that needeth not to be ashamed- and I have witnessed the consummation of these desires. and now Father it seems as if my work was done- yet if thou shalt continue me longer on the earth, I beseech thee give me some work in thy vineyard- let me not be a cumberer of the ground, occupying a place which some other would more worthily fill. Make me more zealous, more pure in my heart speech and life, especially make me more prayerful- that I may like Anna of old serve God with fasting and prayers day and night. Mr. Holland preached in the morning on the danger of delaying repentance- the advantage of a pure and holy life- as securing far higher enjoyment in a future life- this afternoon from these words Now is my soul troubled &c - Father glorify thy name. All our sorrows are designed, necessary for our good- believing this we may by filial submission glorify God and prepare to join the great company in heaven-

Nov. 6th 1842- Sabbath. I am at home alone- in health and peace- and p
that the God of Peace may enable me to do something for the blessed ca
of peace in the world. Pray, I can and will, while I have the
power of thot and the use of reason- but what more can a wo
ignorant woman do in this great work? If it please my heave
=ly Father he can give me work to do, and help me in the performance.
Do so O merciful Father. The last sabbath we all atte
=ed worship at M-n and heard Mr. Smith preach part of the day
on holiness without which no man can see the Lord: the other ser
is gone from me. In heaven these decaying faculties will be restored
and strengthened, and we shall not mourn over forgotten inst
=tion, neglected opportunities, and abused privileges- once freed from th
clogs and temptations of our mortal existence, we shall be like Jesu
for we shall see him as he is- And can it be that I have three
precious children inhabitants of that pure world? Every faculty enga
to promote the honour of God and the greatest good of the univers
O blessed state of the blessed who die in the Lord! How many dear fr
have I already there- among the redeemed; full, even to overflowing,
of love to God and good will to men- and do they not, commission
by Infinite mercy, bend their way downward to earth, to revive
and strengthen us who are still prisoners of hope, and hardly dar
at times, to lift our eyes to the mercy seat?- God grant that w
may finish our course with joy and be united to the great com
pany which no man can number- and who never fail or grow
weary in well doing. Week before last Theophilus went to labot
Judge Lyman and wife. Mr. Lord and Miss Robbins made us a vis
Last week we had a letter from F.- dined at Charles' on Wednesday
found little Mary sick with scarlet fever. Friday Mr. H. and I dran
tea with Mrs. Hitchcock, and Charles her son.-
Nov. 24th Thanksgiving day- On account of the storm we all stay at home-
Edward and his wife came last night- and went on to Deerfield this morning-
we expect Mr. Fisher and his family ~~and~~ his family to dine with us today
and Theodore and his wife. Charles is detained by its being court week, and
his family of course cannot come, Theophilus dines at home with his fami
they and Theodore and wife spent the evening with us. I have been trying
to recollect some of the multiplied favours which have been so freely bestow
upon us during the last season- and I have tried to feel some sense of the goo
=ness of God to us. Our lives have been spared and no distressing calamity has bee
=taken us- our sicknesses have been relieved and our wants have been
supplied- from the overflowing goodness of the All-bountiful Benefactor.-
Especially would I notice the kind hand of God which has led along our

youngest son, and placed him as a pastor of a church and congregation in Boston - Every step of his course, I have watched over him and prayed for him - and truly the Lord has heard me and given me the desire of my heart. And now what wait I for? - Still do I wait on thee - and bring him to thy mercy seat; that he may be assisted - strengthened, guided, and made to do thy work faithfully and successfully - and preserved in health and safety to be a rich and lasting blessing to that people. Hold him O Father in thy hand and bless him in thy name and with the spirit of thy Son. I would not fail to thank thee that our ministers are beginning to awake to the duties which they owe to their fellow men and those who are far off - increase their zeal, and well directed efforts, that new life may be given to both ministers and people - and now help us to observe this day in such a manner that we may enjoy communion with our absent and departed children, and find comfort and improvement in performing its important duties. prepare us to finish our work in peace and join the great company in heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen

Saturday evening - Dec. 3d The last sabbath Theodore went with B. and I to N—n and heard Mr. Dawes - monday we all made a visit at Charles', with brother's family and Giles Smith and wife - Edward and wife - quite a family meeting; next day Edward and wife came from N—n and left us wednesday morning - having had ~~and~~ an agreeable and I hope not an unprofitable interview - he delivered an address on temperance at North Hadley tuesday evening may the blessing of God accompany it - and increase in him all good dispositions and virtuous efforts. The occasion which called us together was to refresh our minds with the memory of the divine goodness to us, it was pleasant to meet so many dear connections - and it was pleasant to remember and pray for our dear children who were absent - and O how pleasant to hope that the dear ones who have passed into the heavens, have done forever with sin sorrow pain and death - be it our labour to obtain the spirit of Jesus, that we may at length arrive at the same blessed home, and partake all of us of the same pure and perfect peace. - Tuesday B. was threatened with fever, but by a blessing on the means used she was relieved - Theodore and wife too were both quite sick with colds - but were also mercifully restored - sorrow may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning -

Dec. 12th - Monday. Mr. H. and Bethia went today to Chesterfield, to attend on the morrow the wedding of Sarah Edwards who is to be married tomorrow to Mr Wilson. Mr. H. is to perform the ceremony - Yesterday Theodore went with B. and I to N—n heard Mr. Dawes in the morning from these words in Galatians 'do good to all men' in the afternoon this was the text silver and gold have I none such as I have give I thee- those who by good example advice sympathy. or religious instruction lead the wandering into the fold of Christ impart a treasure of more value than gold or silver even the poorest can bestow some of these. and a cup of cold water given in the name of Christ shall not lose its reward. -Let every one then do all in his power to encrease goodness and real happiness - and thus be followers of him who went about doing good-

Saturday had a letter from Frederic- he is spending a week in Gloucester with Hannah who has friends there- Father of mercies guard him from the evils to which he is exposed and make him a devoted servant of Jesus Christ.-

Dec. 24th 1842. Saturday evening. Last sabbath Mr. F.B. preached at Deerfield- saturday morning he carried me to Nn and went on from there to Deerfield I staid at Charles; ~~heard~~ a Mr Wight preach on the sabbath, in the morning his text was in Isa 62d chapter- they shall rejoice in their portion. in the afternoon Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father- Matthew 10th 29th On the providence of God-- returned after worship with Theodore and Bethia-. Yesterday we invited Mr. Bulfinch Caroline and her father and mother to take tea- also Elizabeth Ware and Susan Lyman. I would notice the goodness of God which has been manifested to me and mine during the past week our lives and health, and comfort and peace have been continued and we are among the living -O may we praise thy thy name. Theophilus has been disappointed in a bargain I pray and hope that he may none of us commit sin but be willing to yield up temporal advantage ~~good~~- and endeavour to fulfil the law of Christ. the law of love. Lord help us to remember thee in all our ways- so that when death shall take us hence, we may be taken to thyself to be forever with the Lord- tomorrow is Christmas, may the occasion be observed with solemnity and gratitude- to the glory of God and his beloved son in whom he is well pleased.-

Monday Dec. 26th Yesterday Mr. Bulfinch preached in the morning from 4 Gal. 4th verse In the fullness of time God sent forth his Son. christmas sermon - in the afternoon - Luke 15 - 10 - there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth - an excellent sermon,

Saturday evening Dec. 31st 1842 - The year is just closing - the month ~~the~~ and the week also are fast finishing their course - and all the doings of the past year are written in the book of God's remembrance; The means of religious improvement, health, opportunities of doing good, seasons of sickness - the various and multiplied blessings of divine providence - the continuance of life in the members of our family - and health tho' interrupted yet again restored - arrival of dear friends long absent - and the mercy of God manifested signally in the case of ~~your~~ youngest son - these are all topics upon which I should ask myself as in the presence of God, whether I have been faithful - O no! surely I have not, I feel that I am not worthy to lift up my face to thee, or to ask for the mercy without which my soul must perish - but there is an Intercessor; blessed be God - who has sent his Son to be our Saviour, and his Holy Spirit to guide us into the way of truth and duty -- laying myself down at thy feet, I implore of thee the pardon of my sins, and a hope in thy mercy - and grace and wisdom to serve thee better in time to come, and may all my dear children - be guided and blest and sanctified that when our life shall close - we may all be brought home to our Father's house, to meet the dear departed, and all the good, and be forever with the Lord - thro' Jesus Christ - amen

Hadley Jan 8th 1843 - This sabbath we all stay at home - weather rainy - How amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord of Hosts - it is a precious privilege to wait on God in his house to hear his word to sing his praise, and raise our devout supplications with his people to the mercy seat - It is good also to pour out the desires of our hearts and our grateful acknowledgments before him in secret - praised be his name for health and reason

and the multiplied gifts of his bounty - but better than all is the hope of
heaven - the glad tidings of great joy which are to be to all people -
Last sabbath B and I went with Frank to N—n - Mr. Cranch preached
in the morning from these words in Ephesians redeeming the time - we
are every year and every day to live better than before - in the after-
:noon, If a man say he love God and hate his brother he is a liar -
the principle of religion begins by loving goodness in our fellow men -
the child who can understand little of his maker can be made to
know something of his attributes by seeing them in a feeble manner
manifested in the conduct of his friends - - the morning sermon was
suitable for the new year. I have endeavoured to meditate upon
the season and its duties - but I never feel satisfied with myself -
my conduct - there is a sinful propensity - a tendency to indulge
unholy feelings, a carnal mind - a heart not subdued by the power
of holy love - a wretched state of sin - who would not wish to be
free from this ~~this~~ body of death - Perhaps I am more vile than any
other - I certainly do find a struggle a warfare, and tho' I have
been long engaged in it - the little of victory which I gain, makes me
almost give up in despair - my earthly course must be nearly finish'd
how shall I appear in the great day of account - yet he who knoweth
the heart must see that sin is the thing which I hate - Lord help
me to overcome it thro' the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Friday
we call'd on Mr. Wilson and wife dined at Charles; call'd on Mrs. J—
returned before night = saturday Theophilus wife and child drank tea
and spent the evening with us - conversation on the subject of the
atonement - enlighten all our minds, heavenly Father, and fill us with
hope and love and joy and peace in believing - Let not I pray thee this
year be misused as past years have been - but may we all by
penitence and faith and holy obedience be prepared for all thy will -
and may thy kingdom come and will be done in earth as it is in heaven
Jan. 25th Mr. H— at home with a sore throat - I at home to take care
of him - this afternoon little Walter stays with me, his father and
mother gone to the old church - friday we drank tea at Theophilus;
with Mr. Leonard wife and daughter - my mind has been under a
cloud - at times for days and weeks past - but today I feel more light
and cheerful - O for strength to cast out this evil and cherish this
good - Thou Author of all good hast thou any pleasure in the
death or the misery of thy people? - O hear my earnest pray-
for myself my children and my friends and for all mankind that
that Christ Jesus the Prince of Peace may come whose reign [illegible]
[illegible] of nations as the [illegible] of earth

Jan 22d Theodore wife and I have been to Northampton - heard Mr. Branch preach in the morning from 2d Cor. 4th 18th we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen &c - all that is solid and lasting and good is of the spirit - of the invisible, and if we choose not this ~~before~~ it rather than the outward circumstances of ~~our con~~dition, we can have no part in the eternal inheritance of heaven. This afternoon his text was in Matthew 4th, angels came and ministered unto him - he first brot into view the beautiful idea of guardian angels - shewed his belief that our departed friends were probably employed in ministering to those who were dear to them in this life - exciting them ~~to~~ a more faithful discharge of duty and greater degrees of communion with invisible things - enumerated some of the various agencies which are constantly employed for our improvement and comfort in ~~the~~ our upward course - the word of God, the ordinances of religion - books and truths coming down to us from former ages the examples of great and good men, above all the life and teachings of our divine master - also the relations of parent and child. in short to a reflecting mind every thing around us and within comes as a messenger from God. to the prayerful & thoughtful God is ever present - ever kind. -

Today has been a time of rich enjoyment. in the public services of the sanctuary the prayers the praises and the preaching were all exactly in accordance with my feelings. bless the Lord O my soul! - and O Father forgive the iniquities of my holy things - received a precious letter from F— giving an encouraging account of his parish, duties labours and experience - I thank thee from my heart I say this, & that I might manifest my gratitude by a holier and better life - O may this dear son have grace to maintain a deep sense of his unworthiness - and be assisted to go on in thy strength doing thy will and promoting truly the kingdom of God, and may we all say not unto us - but to thy name be the glory. O hear and answer all the prayers which have been offered to thee in the name of Jesus for the spread of his gospel and the reign of his kingdom in the earth. -

Monday evening - Yesterday we went to N - heard Mr. Branch, in the morning from Exodus 4th - 16th and thou shalt be to him instead of God -

on making idols of the means of religion — in the afternoon from Jeremiah – Ye shall not say every man to his neighbour know the Lord, for all shall know me from the least even to the greatest – the sermon seemed designed to reprove a sectarian spirit and conversation, which is contented with nothing but what itself approves, and would have all men thus believe —, today sent to Frederic by Mr. Branch – some books for him and a letter also a bundle of old clothes for a poor family – This is the evening to unite in prayer for the abolishing of slavery – O Father shed down thy influence that many may plead with thee and prevail thro' the great Redeemer, who came to open the prison doors to proclaim liberty to the captive – and preach the acceptable year of the Lord.— —

Feb 18th 1843 – Saturday afternoon – Thursday morning Bethia left us to spend a week or two with Charles and Helen at N— – Last sabbath Mr H— B— and I went to Ch— heard Mr. Dawes preach in the morning from Luke 12th chapter. 35th part of 36th verse Let your loins be girded about & your lights burning, and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord – The need of watchfulness – especially addressed to the young – that they may keep themselves pure – In the afternoon the text was – redeeming the time.

Last week monday Theodore and his wife went ~~to~~ on their way to Hartford – returned home last tuesday night – safely and in health – found Frank sick, but is now better – So the Lord's mercies never fail – may the Spirit of God impress more deeply on our minds a sense of his goodness, and assist us to live more as the followers of Jesus ought to live – Thursday Mrs. Col. Por ended her mortal pilgrimage – and we hope entered into rest. O Father enable us who are far advanced in years, to stand watching and waiting – knowing that our summons must come soon, and may come suddenly – Lord prepare us for a safe and easy passage from this life, to a life which shall never end – the weather this week for three days has been severely cold – O how I pity and pray for the children of poverty – that God would provide for them supplies from the treasures of the rich – and give employment to those who cannot find work – but above all give a spirit of repentance and reformation to all sinners and let righteousness overspread our land as an overflowing stream – and sin and misery cease.—

Sabbath night Feb. 19th 1843 Went to N—n with Theodore — heard Mr. Dawes
from the 12th of Romans Dearly beloved avenge not yourselves but rather
give place unto wrath for it is written vengeance is mine I will repay
saith the Lord, against indulging a spirit of revenge. In the afternoon
2d Timothy 2d chapter 3d verse. Learn to endure hardness as a good
soldier of Jesus Christ — on firmness constancy, and fortitude in the
religious course.

Feb. 26 all of us went to worship at N—n — In the morning heard Mr. Dawes
from   This afternoon Dexter Clapp preached from Proverbs
16th 32d — He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty — and he that
ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city — he considered the ruling of
the spirit, as bringing all the faculties of mind and body, under the
great law of duty — a very good sermon — God grant that it may
do some good to some souls — Bethia who had been staying at
Charles's came home with us. Praised be God for his goodness in
causing us to go out and come in safely — Last monday the twins came
over and stayed till tuesday after dinner — wednesday before dinner
cousin Aaron D— and his wife came to visit us dined here and we
all drank tea at Theophilus's — Mrs. Col. Porter was buried in the
afternoon Mr. H— and Theophilus attended the funeral — Theodore
went to Boston monday, came back friday noon — followed and
surrounded by the protecting care of our heavenly Father. O
that we not be unmindful of our obligations — Theodore brought
information that Frederic has received a call to settle in New-
York — I cannot feel perfectly indifferent as to the course he will
take — I have tried to commit him to the guidance of unerring
wisdom — this is all I can do, advise him I cannot — I pray that
he may be led to that course which shall be most for the glory
of God and the good of souls — may he be influenced by pure motives
and not by a desire for selfish gratification or human and
worldly favour — search him O thou searcher of hearts — and suffer
him not to be led astray from the straight path of duty let it
cost him what it may — impress more deeply on his heart the
thought that he is not his own, and that if he would be happy
he must be willing to deny himself and take up the cross and
follow meekly and patiently in the footsteps of his master — O my
Father who hast so often granted my requests hear and answer me
in the name of the all prevailing Intercessor —

monday March 6th 1843 - Another sabbath is past - and we had the privilege of worshipping at our usual place - Mr. H - B. F - and myself - Mr. Hale preach'd all day from these words in the 23d of Matthew, 8th verse - and all ye are brethren. Enforcing the obligation of universal good will -. We received information yesterday that Frederic has decided on staying with his people in Boston. I hope it is ordered by unerring wisdom. Will our heavenly Father, who is more ready to give his spirit to them that ask it, than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children, turn away his ear from the supplications of those who seek him, if they ask for strength to serve him? - Once and again, & again have I besought the Lord and he has granted my desire - by this may my faith become more firmly fix'd on the unfailing promises of thy word. Last tuesday our children from N-n with Mr. Dawes, Lizzy and Fanny made us a visit - F- and T- also and their wives -. O Father keep me as in thy presence and make me more forbearing, patient meek - and heavenly minded - help me to fix my thots more frequently on unseen things, and grant me more suitable conceptions of thy perfections - and government - these favours I ask not only for myself but for all that I love - thro Jesus Christ who is worthy -..

March 15 - Wednesday afternoon - Just return'd from Cabotville whither we went yesterday afternoon - found Edward well, Helen just recovering from a sick turn, something like canker rash - Mr. H - B. and I went, had a very pleasant visit - good sleighing, and found all well at home - Last sabbath we all went to N-n. Mr. Hale preach'd in the morning. from 1st chapter Eccle - 2d verse - - last thursday Charles and wife Fanny Clarley - and Mills made a visit to Theodore. Bethia drank tea with Eliza Judkins - Friday she went with Theophilus and his wife to visit Doct. Allen. South Deerfield -. this afternoon Theodore and Theophilus with their wives and Bethia have gone to visit at Munroe Clapps -..

March 29th 1843 - This is Lizzie Fisher's birth day 18 years old - God of the spirits of all flesh - create her anew in Christ Jesus unto good works and help her to dedicate to thee from this time all that she is and has and shall be, to be employ'd in thy service and to thy glory - Last thursday Mr. H- carried me to Charles', left me and came home in the storm found Mr. Luther Edwards and his wife here, they staid till next day - saturday Jenner W- and Caroline, call'd and dined,

their way to Cabotville - On the sabbath Mr. Hale preached in the
morning from John's gospel, 3d chapter, 36th verse - He that believeth on
the son hath everlasting life:- his sermon seemed to be meant
as a guard against indulging the idea that by any efforts of our
own we can procure the happiness of heaven - Every one should
love goodness for its own sake and serve God, from a desire
to be holy as he is holy - in the afternoon the text was in 2.
Corinthians 12th chapter 2d. verse - I cannot tell, God knoweth. -
after meeting I came home with T- and his wife, and Frank - having
had a very pleasing interview with my children and grand children
I am always deficient in duty - and with regard making religious
conversation especially - but did not wholly omit it - if I said any
thing agreeable to thy will, O Father cause it to make a lasting
impression - I would again thank thee for thy constant care
and kindness - and particularly that thou hast preserved me in
so much tranquility of mind, that wicked distressing thoughts have
been kept out of my mind - and some degree of trust and hope has
been enjoyed - Hear my prayers and bless all whom I love thro'
Jesus Christ who ever liveth to make intercession for us -
Sabbath-day - April 2d - 1843 Mr. H. Theodore & Bethia gone to C- to worship - the Lord
be with them and give them a sabbaths blessing - and may the teaching and ordinances
of the sanctuary be the power of God and the wisdom of God - to sanctify and
save their souls and the souls of many of that people - May the Spirit
of God go forth this day every where to enlighten and bless mankind - - Yester=
day Bethia had a letter from Frederic - He has had news that Mr. Dewey has
recovered his health and proposes to return to his people in September and per=
form his duties without a colleague - this information makes him rejoice
more than ever, that he has decided to stay with his people in Boston - and
the people continue to give him by their presents fresh token of their
regard - they have also made a subscription which will pay Mr. Motte
what was due to him. - So far a blessing seems to attend this season
what I pray for with more earnestness than any thing else is - that the
divine Spirit, which alone can renew the heart may be sent down
to awaken many among the people to a deep concern for their souls
salvation - that it may be the subject of anxious enquiry generally, what
they shall render to the Lord for his benefits, and seek by penitence
& prayer to find pardon and peace for their souls; and to for this purpose
I earnestly beseech thee O Father, that thou wilt ever guide guard and bless.
thy young servant, so that his ministrations may be effectual, and all
his conduct and conversation, governed by thy spirit, be a continual
example which they safely imitate -. Remember I beseech thee, all
my dear children and grand children, and so assist us to serve thee here
that we may all at length be united with those who have already entered
the heavenly rest - and together show forth thy praise without weariness
and without imperfection - thro' the ages of eternity - all this I ask and offer
thro' the merits and intercession of our all prevailing advocate Jesus Christ - amen

Sabbath - April 9th 1843 - Mr. H - and I have been at home today - the rest went to Upper Mills - heard a Mr. Jewett - in the morning upon the recognition of frien in heaven - this afternoon from these words, "Son remember" - I have spent a considerable part of the day in reading our beloved Mary's writing the fountain was opened and the tears flowed freely - the Lord forgive if it was wrong - I offer my sincere and grateful acknowledgements to thee O thou Author of all goodness and all right affections, that thou didst so deeply impress her mind with spiritual objects, and didst incline her to leave on record, the desires and resolutions of her heart which was devoted to thy fear. - Thanks to thee O thou who delightest in mercy, for the cheering hope, that these three precious children are with thee in thy holy and blessed presence; that thro' thy mercy in Jesus Christ, we may hope to be united with them again never more to know separation sin nor sorrow. O give us all the spirit of thy blessed Son, that when thou callest us, we may go joyfully to our home in heaven, and form a family union unbroken in the skies. Last Thursday was the annual Fast. Friday I had a letter from Edward. - For two or three days I have employed my leisure in filing old letters which have lain some of them ever since I was married - may the recollection of past scenes, and past mercies with the devout and kind sentiments of my parents, and other friends help me to prepare to join the great company of the redeemed - and the great Redeemer of his people -

Sabbath April 16th 1843 - On account of the bad riding - we all stay at home, exce Theodore who has gone to North H—y on foot. - The snow is melting away very gradually - there is still much left but the greater part of the ground is ba the water is rising, but not rapidly - We know who it is that holds the waters in the hollow of his hand - and restrains the fury of the elements - Blessed be his name, he has encouraged us to seek him, - his beloved Son i whom he is well pleased, is saying to us Come unto me all ye tha labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. - help me O Fath in my weakness and ignorance and sin - help me thro' the infirmities and fears of old age; help me thro' the dark valley - and bring me, and all mine home to thy pure and holy presence - to Jesus the mediator of the new covena and to company of our departed friends - to serve and love thee forever - thro' Jesus Christ our Saviour -

April 23d 1843. Today it is rainy and we must stay at home, the water too which fell the last week, has again risen, but not to an alarming degree - a week ago, the people of Hadley and Northampton were in some danger, but no great injury was done - my own weak faith was tried but the Lord is merciful - and better to us than our fears - O that I might be able to trust him even in darkness when his footsteps are not known - if we cannot trust him thro' the trials of life how shall we trust him thro' the waters of Jordan - Lord I believe help thou my unbelief. - I have been reading over some of my old writings - all have the same feeling of doubt, with now and then a ray of light - but this scene will soon be past God grant, that a bright morning may succeed to this night of darkness and sin - and that being pardoned thro' Jesus, we may all find light and peace in heaven

April 30th The water has fallen a little and T. and J. and Frank have attempted to go to N-n - The rest of us at home. For two or three weeks I have been troubled with nervous depression and irritability - weakness and fearfulness - every object on which my mind rests, seems to look dark and in some measure forbidding - Lord help me - for help alone can come from thee - suffer not these evils to increase till reason is quite lost - O Father pity me - Blessed Saviour say to me as thou saidst to Peter I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not. - On an almighty arm alone it is safe to rest. - Quicken thou me according to thy word forgive my sins of heart and life; and grant me that love which is the fulfilling of the law. - Thro' Jesus the all prevailing Intercessor - Amen -

May 7th - Theodore his wife and I with Frank have been today to worship the Father in N-n - Mr. Hale preached in the morning from Hebrews on Christ's coming to deliver those who thro' fear of death are all their life time subject to bondage - In the afternoon text in Micah 7th and 8th - when I sit in darkness the Lord shall be a light unto me - on the coming of Christ a light to the world - we must all every day and hour and moment try to live as Christ lived, he is our example - may he be precious to our souls - our light & guide thro' this life - thro' death - and our portion in the life to come. - went to see Helen at noon - found her better than she has been - O Father of mercies, support, strengthen, cheer her - spare her precious life if it please thee but above all fit us all for thy will concerning us - thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.

May 21st Today Mr. H- and I stay at home. I have been reading Doct. Channing
sermon on these words grace be with all them who love our Lord Jesus Christ i
sincerity- Love to Jesus is called forth by a perception of his moral characte
his purity his devotion to God and the cause of sinful suffering man.
his self sacrificing spirit, his forgiveness of injuries, and his entire
conformity and subjection to the will of God.- O when shall we all learn
to follow him, and be like him! Last tuesday Mrs. Fisher came over with
the children and had her furniture removed.- -- The last week I have had
less of disturbance in my mind- and more quiet of course. the weather
is cold and dry; but the great disposer of the seasons is wise and mercifu
giving us daily proofs of his unwearied and unmerited goodness- O that
our hearts may suitably feel and realise the great truth that God is love
and become transformed into his blessed image- May the teaching and ex
ple of Jesus be present with us always to save us from sin from unbelief
and distrust in all its forms. and thus may our minds be kept in peace,
being stayed on thee, because we do indeed trust in thee- May the Holy Gho
be shed abroad every where today- and many press into the kingdom, and lay hold
on eternal life.- and thus the Great Redeemer see of the travail of his soul and be satisf

May 28th Remembered often today the loved and departed, and the loved and
absent- and often lifted my earnest desires on their account, to the merci
-ful Dispenser of every blessing- Mr. H- B- Frank and I went to S-
had no worship at our church- attended at the Edwards church in
the morning, at the methodist in the afternoon; went to see Ellen at
noon found her comfortable, excepting that she has a cough and rais
a good deal. I pray God to spare her precious life and raise her up fro
this confinement to greater fidelity and zeal in religious duties- the 18
of this month, she was made the mother of another daughter- may G
Almighty bless the child and sanctify it even from its birth that it ma
be thine always and entirely. and may parents and children all be
thine when thou makest up thy jewels- Wilt thou give efficacy to
the various means of religion which have been used this day, and take
many to righteousness and let Jesus and his salvation bless all nations-
Had a letter from Edward this morning- may he and his wife love & serve thee

June 18th Mr. H- preached at Deerfield today. The rest of us all went t
Gr- excepting Azel- Mr. Ellis preached in the morning from Romans -
The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness an
peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.- This afternoon 1st John 4th
: 18th- He that feareth is not made perfect in love.- - Two weeks ago

last Friday Frederic, and Hannah came to make us a visit. He preached ~~that~~ two following sabbaths at Deerfield — and the second sabbath gave a third sermon at South D—d on his way home, he also preached the next afternoon at Leverett. The wednesday after they arrived Mr. Ellis was ordained over the liberal society in N——n — we all attended — B and I dined at Charles; — the rest at Mr. Fisher's — our intercourse with F— & H— was of a very pleasing nature — I am sure I could not have chosen a person for him, so well suited in all respects. — To the great Father, the kindest and best of friends, do we owe this and all our blessings with earnestness, did I pray that he might be guided in this important matter by thine unerring wisdom, and how kindly hast thou led him along — and brot him thus far — may our love and gratitude be in some little proportion to our obligations — let him never faint nor tire in the great work of our master — let him not be led away from duty by the temptations of the world — as thou hast given him great influence over his people — may it be sacredly employed for the improvement and salvation of those who are under his spiritual guidance and watch — and for all all trials and labours and sufferings of this life may he be prepared by patient continuance in the way of welldoing — and the faith which overcomes the world. —

July 2d 1843 — Bethia went to Cabotville last Friday — today Mr. H— and I went with Theophilus in his carriage to Northampton — Our dear Mr. Ellis preached in the morning from these words my soul is exceeding sorrowful &c — on the sufferings of Christ, and and the benefits which we derive from them — I surely do not as I ought, not with suitable feelings nor with becoming frequency meditate upon the last scene of the great Master's life — may the spirit of God bring back to my mind the thots which were presented in the morning's sermon, and at the Lord's supper — so that I may feel their influence thro' the week — this afternoon the text was great is Diana of the Ephesians, among the worshippers of the goddess — there were doubtless many persons of piety — but what a multitude were there who were indifferent as to the obligations to this worship and whose devotion

This should have been written two pages back -

May 14th 1843 - Sabbath evening - Mr. H. B. - Frank and self have been to worship at N—n - heard Mr. George Ellis preach in the morning from 1st Tim 6th 12th Lay hold on eternal life - whereunto thou art called - In the afternoon his text was in Ezekiel 8th - 12th Hast thou seen what the ancients of Israel do in the dark - every man in the chambers of his imagery - Ezekiel was peculiar for describing the wickedness of the human heart - and this passage most forcibly represents the evils which exist in the human heart while unrenewed by the Spirit of Jesus. the images painted upon the walls of the idolatrous temples, represent the vain imaginations, and the vicious propensities which are cherished in the hidden chamb of the inner man - unseen by human eyes - except as they are exhibited in the outward conduct. - The real deep convictio of a future eternal life is the foundation of piety. - Helen is better than she was last sabbath - praised be the goodness of God to us all - may we never cease to trust in him - who is the health of our countenance and our God. - Edward and wife dra tea with us last evening and went on to Deerfield - O that the spirit of God might accompany all the means of religious in=struction which have been enjoyed to day - and Jesus reign every where King of nations as he is King of saints. -

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was prompted by the love of the world in some form or another. even now there are many who are fast bound by ancient custo and creeds and dare not allow themselves to examine the scrip=tures, to find out what they ought to believe - the love of gain, or popularity, or some other idol takes the place which belongs to God. and they thus become less and less prepared for the kingdom of heaven - After the afternoon service our dear little granddaughter was baptised at home by the name of Harriett Mills. - we went up - and were greatly delighted by the impressive and important thoughts which were uttered by our minister, in the most interesting and appropriate language. - O for the Holy Spirit to fix these truths indelib upon the hearts and minds of the parents that they may be engaged to more entire and faithful efforts to prepare themselves and their children - for death and heaven. - Thanks to God that our dear Helen was able to attend worship in the morning and at the table of our blessed Lord. - May the interesting services of this day be strengthening and animating to us all - and O Father grant that our young minister may be a rich and lasting blessing to this people. - May all the means of religion which have been employed this day every where be bless'd to the everlasting life of multitudes - thro' the intercession of our Lord and Saviour J.C. - Praised be the Divine goodness which has so far restored our dear Helen that she was able last tuesday to come over with the children and spend the day her husband also O how I long to see them all seeking thee and thy kingdom with their whole hearts - help them O Father and help us all thy bidding - and when thou puttest into my heart to perform a Duty - O give resolution and wisdom to do it, -

July 9th Mr. H. Theodore and wife went with me to N-n heard Mr. Lippet preach in the morning from these words John Except a man be born again &c - on regeneration - infants are innocent - as their powers enlarge they become selfish - but all have the capacity to serve & love God - to choose goodness and eschew evil - therefore if we are sinners, the fault is our own - in the afternoon, this was the text He that overcometh shall inherit all things. - There is much done to diffuse knowledge and spread the gospel - but benevolent efforts merely will not carry people to heaven - they are good and proper but individual piety and devotion to God can alone prepare us to run in the christian race and not tire - and enable us to live in a purer region than do those who grope among the things of earth - Bethia came home wednesday -

Last ~~monday~~ the 4th Mr. H - and I ~~went~~ attended the celebration at N-n - the services began by singing Be thou O God exalted high - to the tune Old hundred - then a prayer by Doct. Allen, addresses by Mr. Ellis first & followed by all the settled ministers of Northampton - the children of all the schools walked in procession, ~~about~~ 8 or 9 hundred - the grounds beautifully decorated, and the number present estimated at about 3 thousand. - how delightful to have this festival kept in a religious manner - O may holiness to the Lord be inscribed upon all the enjoyments and employments of mankind and Jesus reign King ~~over~~ in the hearts of all men, and over all the nations of the world. -

Sabbath July 16th We have all excepting Mr. H— attended worship at N—n— ~~Our~~ dear Mr. Ellis preach'd in the morning from Ecclesiastes 1st — Vanity of vanities &c— To those who have never found the true end of life— all must at ~~times~~ seem like vanity— for there is a want in the human soul— which nothing earthly can satisf— but to those who are enlightened as to their true interests— the blessings of this life have a value not known to others they enjoy all as the gift of their heavenly Father, and as design— to lead their affections to him— and not expecting perfect happi—ness here they are daily laying up treasures in heaven— and having their conversation there. This afternoon the text was in Acts 3d 1st— Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer— a most excellent sermon on social prayer— O that the impression on my children may be deep and lasting and also on all who heard it— may it rouse to effort many who are now indifferent and worldly— and may all the means of relig which have been employed this day be made powerful to the salvation of precious souls thro' Jesus Christ our Redeemer Fanny came home with us—

July 23d Theodore B— and I went to N— carried home Fanny— before we went Bethia read to her the writings of our dear Catherine— God grant that a deep and abiding impression upon her mind may be made by them. Mr. Buckingham preach'd in the morning from this text in Proverbs. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.— This afternoon John 4th 9th How is it that thou being a Jew askest drink of me which am a woman of Samaria— the design of the discourse seemed to be to condemn and discourag a spirit of prejudice and bigotry towards those who differ from us in their religious opinions.— our great master tho' ~~as~~ born and educated ~~as~~ a Jew was perfectly free from all unkind feelings— even those who reviled and crucified him. ~~were~~ the subjects of his compassion & prayers— we should guard against indulging feelings of bitterness towa any on account of their opinions— Last ~~Wed~~nesday. Edward and Helen came from Deerfield— left us for Cabotville yesterday morning— he is far from being well, troubled with a stricture across the breast, and has raised som blood, Heavenly Father I ask of thee for him thy restoring mercy— bless, O thou who hast power over disease, bless the means using for his recovery, & spare him yet, and grant him health to serve and honour thee yet in this life— but above all prepare us all both to do and bear thy wil

Thursday we all went to brother's— Friday Mr. and Mrs. Fisher— Lizzy and Mr. Ell with T. and H. and their wives and Mrs. Sumner, visited here.— ~~heard~~ Have just read Mr. Greenwood's ser on seeing the departed.— God grant that I may more constantly see the Saviour of our souls.

July 29th 1843— Sabbath— So rainy that we are all at home, excepting Mr.
H— who rode to N— with Theophilus and Samuell Warner— Last ~~thursday~~
Mr. Ellis called here, and brot a letter to Bethia which Edward wrote
on sunday— It was a great relief to find that he had felt better on that
day than he had for weeks before. God grant that the remedies employed
may be made the means of restoring him to health and usefulness.
On Friday eleven years ago, our beloved Whiting was removed from our
intercourse here, and we trust received to light and peace and joy
and the arms of our great Redeemer, and the society and friendship
of our dear Catharine, who doubtless most joyfully awaited his
arrival among the holy inhabitants of heaven.. Do I realise as I
ought the certainty of these truths, which Jesus came to reveal &
make sure?— "O for a strong and lasting faith—" for the Spirit of God
to assure our hearts before him. I would raise to thee my devout
thanksgivings for the blessed change which was wrought in the
feelings and character of this precious child— that he had a faith
which enabled him to triumph over suffering and death— and
gave to him a glimpse of invisible things— one of the last desires
which he expressed—were that he might be permitted to minister
to the loved members of our family, after he should have put off
the body—& may we not hope that some of our spiritual privileges
have been bestowed in answer to these his parting prayers!.
O Father grant that the remembrance of him and our dear departed
Daughters may so abide with us, that we may ever stand ready to meet
our summons with a cheerful hope in the may great Advocate and In=
=tercessor of his people— to whom be praise and glory forever amen.-

August 6th The rain has been falling thro' the night, and all the morning— a
most refreshing time for the fruits of the earth— the Lord visiteth the earth
and blesseth it— he sendeth the rain in its season— and supplieth the
wants of every living thing— his mercies endure forever. but in the
gospel of his Son. we have the blessed assurance of pardon and sal=
=vation, and eternal life after death. Jesus Christ came to seek and save
those who were lost— such a saviour I need— and tho' I abhor myself on
account of my sins— I am continually doing what I would not! Father
strengthen me to serve thee better in time to come. Last monday T— and wife
and Samuel W. drank tea with us— tuesday Mr. H. went to N—n to celebrate
Emancipation in W. I.— Wednesday Mr. & Mrs. F and Edward dined here— Mr.
Wilson and wife drank tea here. Thursday Theodore, wife, her mother and brother
went to South Hadley. Theophilus and wife and child set out to visit her
friends.. Friday Theodore and wife made a visit to Mr. Apthorp.—— Charley ~~walked~~
over tuesday morning— and returned (was carried to the bridge) yesterday afternoon.—
goodness and mercy follow and surround us— but what poor returns do make!— forgive and
help us for Jesus sake.—.

August 20th Mr. H. B. Frank and I went to N— Theophilus walked over -
Mr. George Ellis preached in the morning from Acts 17th 23 - whom therefor
ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. this afternoon 2d
Peter 3d chapter, 11th verse - seeing then that all these &c what manner
of persons ought ye to be &c - In view of all the realities of our religio
the question which should above all others interest us is to know what
character we ought to form, that we may be approved by our fa
judge - the ~~two~~ great requisites are self denial and self cultu
or renunciation and acquisition - It seemed good to attend public
worship after staying at home for so many sabbaths - the Lord pard
and accept me in my weakness and sin. and make the word effectu
ual to the salvation of souls. - Last sabbath I was near sick with a col
and frightened about T. Phelps. - I am a poor weak creature - the
Lord is better to me than my fears. O that I might learn to trust
in him! - Tuesday the association dined here it was the anni=
versary of our beloved Catherine's death - It was not forgotten -
tho' a season of care and bustle - John Smith was buried that
day -- the evening before we had a lecture Mr G. Ellis preac
Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Warwick were here. Theophilus returned
safely from Abington -. Thursday morning Charles and Helen
Mrs. Smith Mary and Edward came over and brought Smith who
staid till today -: may God Almighty bless the child and
all the family. and prepare us join the great company -
when we leave this world. --- The sermon this evening was
upon these words and there were voices in heaven saying
come up hither - O our Father let not these voices speak
to us in vain - may our dear departed children speak
with power to our hearts - and may we listen and learn
the lessons of heavenly wisdom.

August 27th To day Theodore Bethia and I have heard our own minister
preach in the morning from these words Hebrews 3d - 12th Take heed
lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief &c - the most
dangerous of all unbelief is, to doubt the realities of thy spiritual
world, the law of God his perfections and requirements, - and our
intimate relation to him -- this afternoon Psalm 42 - 5th Why art
thou cast down O my soul &c. It is the height of folly to be dis-

quieted about earthly objects - and even when our anxiety is
respecting our spiritual condition our relief must be to hope in
God - cheerfully leaving ourselves and our concerns to his wise &
merciful disposal - and so when I feel the rising of doubt with
regard to my spiritual state and a foreboding of evil, which
I know is but the just desert of my sins - I think of the words
of Jesus "take no thought for the morrow - Father of all mercy &
power - establish me in the love of truth and duty - & save
me from the sins which bring darkness and doubt over my soul,
The twins spent two or three days here last week, left us
yesterday afternoon. — Thanks to the Author of all my comforts
for health and strength restored - may I improve it to thine
acceptance - Lord remember our dear Helen - direct to and
bless the means to restore her health, and prolong her precious
life - but above all things prepare us all for death and heaven - &
may righteousness and peace fill the world thro' Jesus Christ - amen

Sept. 4th monday afternoon. Yesterday Mr. G. Ellis preached in the morning ~~on~~
from these words John 19th 25th Now there stood by the cross of Jesus,
his mother. - Since the time of our Saviour, woman has been elevated
and honoured - but it seems as if a superhuman power alone could
have aided Mary to act the part she did - she must have had a
faith in him as the son of God - and her knowledge of the purity
and dignity of his character must have given her assurance that
whether in life or death it would be well with him - in the
afternoon the text was in Genesis 3d. 10th and he said I heard thy voice
in the garden and was afraid. - never till Adam sinned did the
voice of his maker fall with terror upon his ear. - the sermon
was upon the power & the office of conscience - O that every conscience
might be kept tender and watchful and never become hardened thro'
the deceitfulness of sin. Bethia went to N— last evening to stay while
Mrs. Fisher is gone to Boston to attend Frederic's marriage. -
The Lord's supper was administered yesterday. -

Sept. 10th We have been to N— and heard Mr. Thayer of Beverly - from these words
Luke 2d 10th which shall be to all people - in the afternoon there be some
standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the son
of man coming in his kingdom. Last monday evening Frederic was
married to Hannah D. Sargent. - He left Boston the next day on
their way to Niagara - He is truly the son of many prayers
may God Almighty bless him, guide him sustain him and assist
him so that he may be able to do much for the spiritual
interest, of his people, as they are doing much for his temporal
welfare - may this connexion be for their spiritual improvement &
may they not be led away from the simplicity of Christ. -

Sabbath Oct. 8th 1843 - A very rainy day - this morning Mr. H- and Theodo
attended worship at N- Hadly - ~~this afternoon~~ they have gone to N-n
to see to some arrangements for our dear son Edward - who is quitti
his concerns at Cabotville and coming home with his wife - we
have been in a state of great anxiety on his account - for severa
weeks; ~~and~~ he is very desirous of going to the West Indies to
try if it will benefit him - but the prospect is very faint - he
seems too weak and sick to undertake it - and seeing him thus
we grieve, our hearts faint - we shrink from the pain of sepa-
ration - for him we have strong hope that to die will be gai
I think he has long been a man of prayer - and that the
truths he has loved and taught and suffered for will now be t
him strength and comfort. - To God Allmighty all merciful all
wise I commit him - If it seem good to thee O Father check th
disease and raise him up to strength and activity - but abo
all, fit him by a strong faith an ardent love, and a hope
full of immortality to overcome the fear of death, and fear-
fully to depart and be with Jesus. Hear and bless us Lord Jesus Christ
Nov. 12th The work is done - a short work indeed -! The merciful
Father has put a speedy end to the sufferings of our dear son, an
laid him to rest among his friends - near his beloved brother and
sisters - surrounded at his departure by beloved friends, who prais
the goodness which did not allow him in extreme weakness and
disease to encounter the pains and dangers of the ocean - truly
the name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous runneth
into it and are safe - The anguish of separation was chiefl
endured by me weeks before the spirit took its flight - and most truly
was it my constant prayer, that I might ~~truly~~ be able to say, thy will
be done. Sabbath day Oct. 15th T. and T- went up to see him - the
next Tuesday Mr. H- went with me and we took our last leave
of the dear child who had been to us so faithful and kind - I kiss
his cold lips at parting and invoked most earnestly God's blessing
upon him thro' the valley - he seemed indeed to fear no evil
having the rod and staff to guide and support him - I spoke to him
of having almost reached his home - he replied Blessed release! -
~~The~~ next day Mr. Ellis and Mrs Fisher, - and Mr. Fisher with [illegible]
went to see him - the latter staid with him thro' the last struggle

and with his wife ministered to him while life continued — about 8 in the evening of thursday Oct. 26th the scene closed — and from fainting and suffering — the freed spirit we hope was conducted by kindred spirits, to the mansions which Jesus has prepared for his followers. It is natural to review the character and conduct of those we have loved so dearly on earth, that we may collect materials on which to build our hope for their immortal happiness. His has been a steady growth in holiness — an untiring endeavour to serve God and benefit his fellow men — his age was 36. but in those few years he lived to greater purpose exerted his powers more strenuously than most men do in a long life. Blessed be God for his life and death! and Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ — who hath given us such a hope of heaven, by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the glorious promises which he has revealed in his word — May we, all the near relatives, strive to follow him wheresoever he followed Christ. On the last Sabbath, (the funeral having been attended the monday preceding) we all attended worship at Northampton — Mr Ellis preached from these words "If I will that he tarry till I come what is that to thee. follow thou me!" a sermon full of interest & instruction to the bereaved and afflicted. In the afternoon the Lord's supper was administered, instead of the usual service — God grant that this solemn providence, may be deeply and lastingly felt and improved by all who have known him and who shall hear of his death — And now great Father, thro' thy mercy in Jesus Christ grant unto us increasing trust in thee more realizing views of the certainty of unseen things and a more ardent desire and endeavour to be Holy as thou art Holy — the weather being cold and windy we ~~none~~ of us go to Northampton — Another scene of suffering seems to be approaching — Strength of the weak — Light of the darkened — Hope of the sorrowing — stand by us all in our need and aid us by thy Holy Spirit thro' Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Sabbath Nov. 19th The family have gone to N-n - may I record the goodness of God the past week - he has preserved my mind in tranquill and my body in health - has permitted us to receive a call from ou son Charles and his wife and children beside all the unnumbered - countless constan blessings which are flowing in upon us every moment - may the Holy Spirit regulate all our tho'ts and feelings and prepare us all to follow our dear departed children in to the blessedness of thine eternal kingdom thro Jesus C.

Jan. 14th 1844. nearly two months have passed since the last record - an what great and multiplied blessings have been flowing in upon me and mine - From the doubt and unbelief which follow'd the afflictive event of Gods bereaving rod - he has delivered me i some measure; my mind has been much occupied with eternal things, but amidst all I have much in my experience to deplore & repent of. - On thanksgiving day I was kept at home and kept B- als by indisposition - having had a turn of loss of memory - God my preserver, brought back the lost faculty - and still preserve my misused powers - what amazing condescension and mercy. Mr. H- and Helen and T- attended worship at N- dined at Mr. ~~Hask~~ heard a good sermon by Mr. Ellis. - The month of Dec. Bethia spent with Helen and Charles - and Mrs. Fisher. - On Christmas evening Mr. Ellis held a service at the church - which was well filled - before night we called on Helen. who was surrounded by her little flock, distributing apparently her last christmas gifts to the dear objects of her love. - And o how truly must her prayers have arisen for the Spirit of Jesus to pervade all their hearts. - The last evening of the year Mr. Ellis again addressed his people in a most interesting & solemn manner from these words, let it alone ~~this~~ year also. Theodore & Helen and I attended. - God grant th mighty influences of his Spirit to give the word success. - toda Mr. H- and B have gone to N-n - may they and all who he the word have grace to improve their advantages - that thy kingdom may come and thy will be done thro' the earth for Chr

Feb. 27th Two weeks ago tomorrow night, Frederic arrived to make us a visit - the time passed very pleasantly with him - he told us many things about himself his people, and ~~the state of religion in that region - which shewed that~~

the Lord is carrying on his work - and that he has inclined the hearts of his people, to minister abundantly to him of their temporal things - may the Infinite Spirit assist him in making know to them the whole counsel of God knowing that to declare to them faithfully their danger, is the best way to shew his attatchment and kind regard for their souls -. Saturday evening we invited Theophilus and his wife and little W. - with Theodore and his family to hear the sermon which was to be delivered the following wednesday at Templeton, at the ordination of Mr. Damon. - - Sabbath day we went to Leverett to hear T— preach - In the morning his text was in James "for what is your life" - very solemn & interesting - our life is an opportunity for usefulness and for preparation for immortality -. In the afternoon - this was the text, "consider and the Lord give you understanding &c - on consideration - ~~At the evening~~ we went to Theophilus'; and spent the evening - monday we had Mr Ellis and Mr. Fisher, with T. and T. and their families to dinner, and Mrs F also to tea - Tuesday Mr. H- took him to Templeton & so ended this visit - thro' the whole - we were highly favoured - it is refreshing to receive our absent children and experience their kind regard and witness their zeal and diligence in good works - one who was permitted thus to bless us has been removed from us - and soon we too shall follow. But because we are mortal we are not at liberty to overlook the ten thousand sources of enjoyment which still remain - rather let us enjoy and improve them in such a manner that we may be permitted to enter upon higher and holier services in a brighter world - Thanks to God for this blessed token of his goodness in giving us this pleasant visit - Grant O Father that he may do thy will faithfully and acceptably thro' Jesus Christ - Last sabbath Mr. H - and I staid at home - took care of little Walter --

March 6th Wednesday evening - Last sabbath we all went to M— but S and Walter - Mr. Ellis preached in the morning from these words in Psalms - none that trust in him shall be desolate

At noon went to Charles; Our dear Helen is sinking into the grave - wasted to skin and bones - so weak that she cannot bear her weight - and yet cheerful - resign'd and willing to go and leave her little ones believing that they will be taken care of. It is truly to be notice with great gratitude, that her fears are removed; and that she can converse upon her situation with composur It is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes - may we be encouraged to trust in that God who hears and answers prayer -. The afternoon service was the celebration of the Lords Supper. - Mr. Ellis's address was upon the duty of Christians to love one another -.

~~1st. January~~ March 18th monday afternoon - Yesterday the riding was so bad - that none of us attended worship at Northampton - Charley came over with T. & last week and is here still - he is a very good boy - makes no troubl and I believe manifests no wicked disposition - & have earnestly de I desire that he and all his brothers and sisters may be gathered into the fold of Christ - and become his sincere and humble followers.

March 24th Sabbath evening - We have all been at home today on account of the bad riding - Charley and Mills also - Theodor and wife went to North Hadley - and Frank walked to Northampton. - I have endeavoured to spend the day properly - but do not feel satisfied with myself or my services I try to bring my dearest interests to God in prayer. - I long to do something to advance the kingdom of Jesus in the world - but my energies are failing - O thou who pitiest thy frail erri and dying children - increase my faith my hope and trust in thee, thro' the Son of thy love, and give me more of his spirit I pray not for myself alone - may all dear to me become more and more the objects of thy kind regard. - and thine shall be the kingdom power and glory forever amen -

April 1st - Monday - yesterday the riding was bad, and only Theodore and Bethia went to Northampton - In the afternoon Charles came over to carry home the little boys - and inform'd us that all was at rest at home, Helen was gone - died at eight the night before - it seems she breathed out her soul into the hands of her Saviour with his revered name on her lips - her greatest comfort since her return from Boston has been in religious truth the bible and exercises of devotion. - thro' her sickness she has manifested great composure - resignation, patience, and faith - with a uniform gratitude and cheerfulness - It must have cost her great effort to give up her little flock - but the blessed Comforter strengthened her and she gained the victory - and now tho' we may and must grieve that we shall see her lovely face no more, nor hear her sweet voice, nor meet her beautiful eye beaming with intelligence and kindness - yet we do hope that in a higher holier state, where sin and sorrow and pain & death can never come, we may meet again - meet to part no more -. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ accompany this sorrowful event with the quickening and sanctifying influences of his Holy Spirit upon the hearts of the stricken husband, and bereaved children. and may every one of us have reason to say it is good for us that we have been afflicted -

April 14th Last sabbath we all went to Ch.n - Mr. Ellis preach'd in the morning from these words He is not here but is risen Easter. Mr. H - B. and I stay'd over. - the opening of the grave by the resurrection of Jesus was strikingly dwelt upon. and the mourners for our dear Helen were noticed kindly by our minister and with great feeling - the tuesday before, her funeral was attended, we all went over - before the prayer Fanny was rebaptised by the name of Helen Frances. her father and grandmother wished her to bear the name of her mother and he was desirous that the change might be made in a religious way. the scene was overwhelming to all the near relatives - I never witnessed any thing of the kind so deeply solemn impressive and affecting - God grant that the effects may be lastingly beneficial to us all -

Today Mr. H - Frank and I went to Ch.n Mr. Ellis preached in the morning upon the connection between the Jewish and Christian religion the text was in Galatians 3 - 21st - this afternoon Bethia has taken up her residence with Charles for a time to comfort and assist him and his children in their bereavement - Mr. H and I expect this week to go and see Frederic The Lord be with us

will wherever we are and keep us safe from sin or
harm by his allmighty and merciful protection
May 10th Friday - Thursday April 18th Mr. H- and I went to Boston - on the
sabbath we heard Frederic preach from these words - He that maketh
haste to be rich shall not be innocent - he described the unlawfu
measures which are used in the pursuit of gain, in the variou
branches of labour and enterprise which occupy mankind - and warn
his people to escape entirely from all forbidden practises - it was plai
independent practical preaching - The Lord help him to persevere
not fearing the wrath of man. - but speaking the truth in love may
he persuade many to walk in the steps of our divine Master. - Whe
in Boston we received much kind attention, and saw with satisfac
-tion many marks of high respect and regard shown to our dear
Son, by his own people - and had reason to believe that he and his
labours are held in high estimation by the community in whic
he is placed - this is all of the Lord's mercies - undeserved by us, an
calling for our unfeigned and ardent thanksgiving - perhaps it ma
not continue - O Father guard him I beseech thee, that he may not
by any unworthy act or word or feeling forfeit the esteem and respect
which he now possesses - make him to be clothed with humility
that he may be sure of thy favourable regard -. We came home
the thirtieth day of April - finding all well - saturday after our return
we went to N-n Mr. H- went to Deerfield I stayed at N-n till
monday afternoon when Mr. H- came back and we returned home.
We are now boarders with Theodore - In remembrance of all the multi
-plied mercies which have been shown us - we should be filled with
holy and devout gratitude - Lord without thy help we are utterly
helpless and displeasing to thee - Blessed Spirit may I not become
more worldly under the constant overflowings of thy goodness, but
may mercies and afflictions all conspire to fit us for the blessed
society of the redeemed in the presence of God and the Lamb. thro' Jesus Ch
May 12th Sabbath - I have been with Theophilus Theodore and Frank to
N-n heard Mr. Nightingale preach in the morning from Matt. 6th
9th. Our Father which art in heaven - may I meditate more on this glori
attribute of the most High - went on the hill at noon - little Edward H- is
but growing better - Charles thinks of going to Boston and Cambridge the
week - this afternoon the text was in Colossians 3d 2d Set your affections &c
a most affecting allusion was made to the feelings which we should

Feb. 24th 1844. sent to Mrs Fisher
Tract on earnestness in religion -
Take heed how ye hear. Discourse on
the church - Unitarianism - Law
of Retribution - small sins -
25 - sabbath day staid at home took
care of Walter - monday T. and T-
and their wives visited Thankful
Smith - B was invited but did not
go on account of the sickness of
our qax dear Helen - . Thursday
Mr. H - B. and I went to Whitby
found aunt D - very much diseased
the Lord give her patience, and
faith - and hope - and a blessed re=
=lease from her pains, and an entrance
into his rest. -
rch 1st This afternoon Mr. Apthorp wife
and Henrietta Shepherd call'd - this
evening Theophilus wife Helen and
Bethia gone to N - to attend the pre=
paratory lecture - . March 6 - Monday Theoph-
ies day evening
=ilus carried Helen to Cabotville returned
Thursday - Eliza and Walter staid with us.
to day Mr H - and Theodore went to Luce-
-et - -

Sabbath evening March 24th 1844 -
~~two weeks ago today~~ Had a letter from
Frederic today - says he shall preach up
Peace at the coming fast - Friday last
Charles brought over Fanny Mills, Mary
and Edward - Charley was here before
Mills remained here with him - their
mother seems to be going - where shall
we look in this time of need - but to him
who knoweth our frame and remembe-
-reth that we are dust. - and has given
us assurance of a life everlasting.
Two weeks ago yesterday Theodore
received an organ upon trial - last
tuesday Ozel set out for Eastford -
the ice went off one night last week
thursday - 28 - yesterday was Walter's birthday
Theophilus and E - bro't him here on the occa-
-sion and we had a pleasant visit with them
and Theodore and his wife -
March 29th Lizzie Fisher's birthday - Mr. H -
gone to meet the Trustees of the Academy at
Capt. Elijah Smiths
April 1st - monday - town meeting Mr. H - and Theod
gone to attend - Saturday night 8 oclock our dea
Helen fell asleep in Jesus, as we trust - a few m
-ments before she breathed her last she repeated
of the 14th of John, and the Psalm beginning with
bless the Lord O my soul - -
May 9th The first day of May we began to
board with Theodore - Saturday morning Mr.
H - and I went to Northampton - after dinner
he went to Deerfield to preach for Mr. B
-tt who is sick - monday afternoon he
back and brought me home. yesterday
the birth day of Mrs. Fisher and Catherine

Theophilus came after breakfast to have me stay with his wife who was sick - returned home after supper.

may ~~April~~ 15th - yesterday Mr. H- and I dined at Giles; drank tea ~~with~~ - Mrs. Goodhue - I spent the day with Mrs. H- and Martha, Mr H. attended examination at the Academy - 15 scholars. -

may 21st I spent the afternoon with Eliza who had Doct. Stacy - and teeth and emetic - at night went to Northampton with the Fisher boys - and staid with Bethia during Charles's absence at Cambridge - the next Friday she came here and spent the day with Fanny and little Edward - Charles came home wednesday 29th thursday I went to stay with Mrs. Fisher - saturday she went with me and Bethia to do some shopping - called at Judge Lyman's and Mrs. Nichols; - came home on the sabbath after divine service.

June 8th Lent George Birge - ~~Black Prince~~ - Guardian & Monitor, ~~formation of christian character~~ - -

June 21st - carried Elvira Counsels & consolations Pious Thoughts, life of Newton - address to mariners. -

June 23d - a week ago Eliza had company from Woodstock - they left tuesday morning - thursday forenoon - Bethia came over with Helen Mary, Edward, Harriette, and Harriet Cooke - went back before tea, just after they left Mr. & Mrs. Upthorp came and drank tea, Theophilus and wife and Walter also drank tea with us. Mr. Neil, and Mr - Porter of Farmington made a short call. - - Friday Mr. H and I went to see Elvira - carried her some comforts found her better -

July 6th yesterday Mrs. Williams and Helen drank tea with us also Mr. Child - Helen Frances - Mary & Edward - Charly came too & staid over - - today weighed for Theodore 9th - 138 of lard - afterward added sufficient to pay the bill at the cabinet makers, Amherst -

July 16th A week ago today our dear little Harriette was laid beside her mother and sister in the narrow bed - she rests from her incessant motion, from pain and sickness, we hope in the arms of her saviour and her God. may we not hope that her mother has now in charge the daughter whom she was not permitted to nourish and educate here. O Father hear my prayer for thy bereaved servant - that sorrow may bring light and peace and holy rest to his troubled spirit. - yesterday wrote to Frederic -

July 28th thursday - A week ago today I walked to Hat=
=field call'd to see Maria Partridge and Mrs. Whitney -
also engaged Miss Adams to come and sew for Bethia
1days second week in August - when I returned found Louisa
Field here - ~~last~~ tuesday afternoon Charles and Mr.
Ellis Bethia and Mills drank tea here, in the evening
Mr. Ellis preached a lecture text Come unto me all ye
that labour and are heavily laden, and ~~ye shall~~
~~find rest~~ - I will give you rest. - Fanny who came
home with us on the sabbath - returned with her father.
yesterday Miss Field went to Northampton with Theoph=
=ilus, on her way towards Williamsburg - in the afternoon
Mr. H - drank tea at Theophilus', with Mr. Neil wife and
child - August 10th a week ago last tuesday Charles brot over
Mrs. Fisher Bethia Fanny and the two little ones - Mrs. F.
and B - staid, the rest went home soon - B. went back
on sabbath afternoon Mrs. F - staid till wednesday morn
monday afternoon I went with her to Edmund Smith's
call'd at Martha's & Doctor Porter's - Mills came over with
his grandpa the same afternoon - tuesday Mrs. F was
sick with the head ache in the morning - in the
afternoon she and I ~~went~~ drank tea with Martha -
next morning Mr. H - carried her and Mills to N-n
in the afternoon Mr. H - Theodore and wife and I went
to Amherst to hear Gov. Seward's address. afterward
we call on Mrs. Parsons, and all drank tea at Mr.
Allens. yesterday Theophilus went to carry Mr. Witter to Hartford
took his wife and Walter to Springfield - got back
this afternoon - also Mrs. Rodney Smith her mother & child
call'd here - The twins and George also called to take
leave of us - ~~I would now~~ Miss Dolly Williams spent
the day here yesterday. I have recorded a successi
of pleasing events - many streams are opened for
us in the desert of this world sources of enjoyment
more than I can reckon up. and the power of enjoy
=ment also without which they would all be to us use
God grant that I may not wholly misuse all, but rather to
all to his glory who gives us so richly of his benefits

gust 24th 1844 - Last week wednesday the 14th Mrs. Fisher and the three boys left for Oswego. we saw them on monday previous and shed the parting tears - - God Almighty be the portion of each precious soul - - Last week Theodore was nearly sick with a painful boil on his knee - and his wife poorly with her old complaint - Sabbath day Mr. H - and I went to Leverett - monday Theodore went to Cabotville - ~~tuesday~~ tuesday Eliza was sick and I stayed with her all day - & all the next day - yesterday Mr. Church wife and daughter call'd to take leave, going to Canada and to the west. Maria Partrige also came and drank tea Eliza and Walter. - Edmund Smith call'd and took two shirts for Birge - -

Oct. 26th The anniversary of our dear Edward's departure. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord - - "To live is Christ and to die is gain" - were words which fell from his lips as the feeling of his heart - could we view the dispensations of Providence as they ought to be viewed to be the expression of fatherly kindness how different would be our feelings on the removal of our friends Oh for a strong and lasting faith, to credit what the Almighty saith - T'embrace the message of his son and call the joys of heaven our own - -

Mr. H. and I call'd at Giles', this afternoon - yesterday I call'd at Theophilus' - day before we went to Leverett to the Lecture - came back and found Charles here with Bethia and the children - wednesday Mr Ellis Mr. Spellman, Miss Robbins and Susan Lyman called Tuesday Munroe Clapp and wife Henry Shepherd and wife and baby - Theophilus and wife drank tea here and spent the evening. —

~~ov. I paid 31 cents for yarn and worsted, and knit it into stockings for little Mary Elizabeth -~~

~~ec. 13th To day I have finished the third pair of stockings for Charles -~~

Jan. 14th 1845 Last wednesday Frederic came rather unexpectedly and staid till saturday ~~[illegible]~~ morning, when Theophilus carried him to Springfield to take the cars. for Hartford where he was expecting to preach on the sabbath — I would praise the Lord for his goodness to this dear son — and pray that he may be continued to be a great blessing to the people of his charge — in all things doing the work of an evangelist — that he may walk in the steps of that blessed saviour who went about doing good. today Theodore sent a ~~[illegible]~~ letter to go to William — The weather this winter has been remarkably moderate, not colder at any time than two degrees below zero — and then only one morning.

March 1st Saturday 1845 — Today I have lent to Elvira Cases of conscience, Select sentences — Mr. Porter's sermon of [illegible] report of the Society for propagating the gospel among the indians &c — She has been here since tuesday morning teaching Sarah to braid hats — thursday evening Mr. Upthorp delivered a Lyceum lecture at [illegible] and T. & T. went over horseback to hear it drank tea at Charley's —

April 17th yesterday Theodore and wife left for Eastford on account of her mother's sickness — the first of this month we began keeping house — the next saturday Mrs. Wright came to stay with us & help us — last Saturday Charles Phelps from Townsend, and his daughter came to see us on their way from Cincinnati, to their home — stay'd till mo day forenoon none of us went to meeting — just after they left, Charley and Milli came to t a few days — in the afternoon Mr. Upthorp and wi drank tea with Theodore, Theophilus returned fr carrying Miss Goodale home — Tuesday Mrs. Giles Sm drank tea with us — yesterday — Helen, and Cather

Phillips walk'd over; in the afternoon Charles came over with the carryall and took them home, the boys also – – This afternoon I went to help Eliza take care of the baby – Mr. Bulfinch call'd here, & took a letter for Frederic from his father. The third of April I wrote to Mrs Fisher and a few days after received one from her. wrote to Miss VanderKemp soon after. –

1st April began to use two qts lamp oil – 29th April began to use 14 lb sugar – price 1 doll.

May 21st began to divide the milk –

May 21st sent to Charles. 7 doz. eggs –

June 12th sent to do – – 5 do – do – –

June 13 Friday night began to change the milk – we took lined backs –

Hadley Jan. 19th 1847 – During the year 1846 – I have been sick much of time and since last march have not been a day free from pain. In July ten quarts of water were removed from my bowels – and there has been no collection of any consequence since – but the pain continues. I am however able to be about with the family, to attend family worship and partake of refreshment at the table of God's common bounty and have refreshing sleep at night – my case is rather singular – and it is impossible to say or to think what the end will be – May I ever believe that God's government is perfect – and find in the end that it is good to be afflicted. –

Sabbathday morning Dec. 13th 1846 - Happy - we are all at home this morning and Mr. T. D. and Maria are here - her husband Helen and Walter are gone to N— this afternoon Theodore intends going there with Bethia - To the praise of my never-failing and bountiful benefactor I would mention his goodness in granting to me a steady tho' very slow increase of strength and progress toward health - I do most earnestly pray that he will put into my heart such feelings and desires and purposes as may be for his own glory and the good of some of my fellow immortals - last evening had a letter from Frederic

Jan 19th 1847 - This morning I sent a letter to Frederic by mail. In answer to one received from him last week - today Jenner and Caroline W— came to Theophilus' to see Helen, who has been there alone a week with Maria, T and his wife and W— having been gone to Abington. They call'd here this afternoon also at Mr. D's - Theodore carried his wife & B— to make a call at Emily Porter's - This evening Mr. H- and B gone to call on Jenner and Caroline - Theodore and wife gone to N— Theophilus got home this evening left his wife and Walter at Abington.

Hadley July 28th 1844 - Sabbath - The family have gone to Northam - Theophilus is lame by a boil on his knee, and his wife feeble; Walter has been here two or three hours today and I have been there. I have been reading Tracts for the times - and am much pleased with the spirit which they seem to breathe. The Lord make them useful to many souls -

This is the anniversary of our beloved Whiting's departure - since that bitter hour two more of our precious ones have followed - and our dear Helen - how fast we are ~~are~~ pressing on after them - little Harriette too the solace of her father's grief - she too has passed away gone to be the delight of her mother, and the companion of angels - Friday we had letters from William - he speaks most feelingly of the unclasping of those ties which bind us to the present scene, and of the importance of being ready for the heavenward flight - I desire to notice the death days, as well as the birth days of our children. God grant that this memory may be indeed blessed to us all. - Mr. H and I spent the day at Charles, on Friday Mr F returned from Boston. -

August 12th. Yesterday Mr. Ellis took me with him to Leverett - Mr. H - and Theophilus and Walter went likewise. In the morning the text was in Mark 14th 34th 35th - And he said unto them my soul is exceeding sorrowful - &c - a suffering Saviour is just what sinners need - In the afternoon the text was in Acts - repentance toward God - this is exercised only when sin is the great burden of the soul - A week ago yesterday Mr. Fisher was with us, Bethia also - they came over the tuesday before, it was truly a great satisfaction to have them here together - It is hardly probable that we shall ever again spend so many days together so pleasantly - and what if we do not - there is a long eternity to come after death has done its work - to this may our eyes & hearts be directed - so that our communion with the good may never be interrupted - Bethia went over with me in the afternoon, attended worship and remained at Charles - Mr. Fisher stayed with us till wednesday morning - today Mr. H. and I have been to Easthampton, to take our leave of Mr. Fisher and the boys - who are to set off for Oswego on Wednesday. - May the God of their Fathers be their God and their guide even to death - and may all the branches of this family be at length collected into one blessed family in heaven thro' Jesus our great redeemer - amen -

August 16th The anniversary of the day when our beloved Catherine was released from the agonies
of her last sickness, and escaped from the tabernacle of clay, to inhabit a building of God a house
not made with hands eternal in the heavens- For a day or two I have had my thots occupied more
than usual with these subjects- being much alone my situation has been favourable for serious
thot, and I would thank God, that I can meditate upon these things without horror and dismay
He alone can strengthen us for the trials and struggles of this mortal state- and I ought with
heartfelt gratitude, to speak of his goodness to me; the merciful regard he has had to my poor
prayers, granting me support in trouble and hope in his mercy- his hand has been upon my
dear children, four precious ones have been removed from our sight- but blessed be his name
and his mercy- he has given us a hope for them, better than all the treasures of this
world.. To the promises of his word I would ever look- and wait on him that we may at
length meet and rejoice together forever- in our Father's house above- thro' Jesus Christ our Lord

August- 18th Mr. H- and I have been to Leverett today, our minister preached in the morning from 1st
epistle of John 4th 18th He that feareth is not made perfect in love.- who is perfect-? Is there not
a salutary fear of God, a fear that our love, which in none excludes all sin, is not what it
ought to be- I do not comprehend the meaning of this beloved disciple- he says whosoever
is born of God doth not commit sin- perhaps I am ignorant- as to the meaning of the word sin.
This afternoon the text was in Hebrews 3d 12th Take heed, lest there be in any of you an evil
heart of unbelief- we should believe that God is, and that he is the rewarder of them who
diligently seek him.- believe that he is more ready to save us than we are to trust
in and serve him.- I had a letter from Frederic today- a line too from Bethia.- Praise
the Lord O my soul for his goodness to me, and his wonderful works to the children of men
may this sabbath with all its privileges bring blessings rich and lasting to every one of
my dear children, carrying them forward in their heavenward course that we may at
length unite in the song of Moses and the Lamb. before the throne of God thro' Jesus Christ. amen

Sept. 1st The Lord's supper was celebrated today at N-y Theodore Frank and I went over- Mr. G-
Ellis preached in the morning from Psalm 71st. Cast me not off in the time of old age for-
sake me not when my strength faileth." All hope to live to old age, it is wise then to
prepare for ourselves a reasonable expectation that this period may be peaceful &
free from the evils naturally incident to it- the first thing is character, in mature
life we must form characters which shall command the respect and love of all who
know us- we must store our minds with the knowledge and love of goodness,
of religious truth- that we may employ our thots in meditating upon the
character and government of God and his exhibitions of mercy to a ruined
world.- - ~~and~~ thirdly we must accustom ourselves to carry our thots forward, to

the unseen world, where the darkness and feebleness of sickness and old age
will be exchang'd for a bright morning of eternal Day - This afternoon Mr.
Ellis address'd the members of the church explaining what was meant by the
Saviour's promises to his disciples that he would be with them alway, to the
end of the world - all the benevolent institutions of our day have their origin
in christianity - and all the worthy examples of which we have any knowledge
since the time of our Saviour - spring from Him the Great Head of the church
A week ago last saturday Theodore's wife went to visit her friends in
Connecticut with Theophilus - Last tuesday I went with Theodore - to see Bethia
stay'd till wednesday night when I came back with Mr. H- and Helen. -
Since that I have found an increase of labour - and ~~with~~ strength has been
imparted as I had ~~need~~ - The Lord will help me to do his will thro' Jesus C. +
Sept. 8th To day we have all attended worship at N—n - excepting F—k -. Mr. Ellis preached in
the morning from James 2d 20th - But wilt thou know O vain man, that faith without
works is dead - works to be acceptable to God, must spring from a principle of faith
deep and powerful in the soul. - This afternoon the subject of the sermon was taken
from the 39th Psalm. 3d verse - while I was musing the fire burned. - The impor=
-tance and benefit of religious meditation. Last week was one of many calls
monday Mr. Ellis Judge Lyman wife and daughter called here - tuesday we drank
tea at Theophilus' with Maria Partridge - Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Dudley Smith
called here - wednesday Mr H- and I call'd at Doct. Porter's Col. P's widow P's and
Martha's - Theodore started in the morning to go for his wife - Thursday Robert Apthorp
and wife called here - Friday Mr. Edwards and his sister Maria dined with us - James
Porter - Dea call'd - Helen return'd from Cabotville - I wrote to Frederic - Mr. G. Ellis
Mrs. Eager and Mrs Nichols call'd - Theodore and wife came home - and in ~~the~~
evening Eliza and Amelia with Charlotte and Susan call'd - reviewing the time
in which Theodore and his wife have been away - I am almost surprised
at the strength which has been imparted to me for its labours - Lord what I render
to thee for all thy benefits - I must ask for a more grateful heart, and a closer
walk with Jesus the Author and finisher of faith -

Sept. 15th Mr. H. and I have attended worship at N—n with Frank. Mr. Adams preached in the morning from Psalm 96th 9th verse - O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. On the necessity and value of the means and forms of religion - In the afternoon 1st chap of John, 9th verse That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. - The benefits of Christianity in improving mankind, as connected with civilization - no other religion ever did for mankind what it has done - and tho' the many evils still remaining - yet there are three of gigantic size, which must be destroyed - war and slavery - and the licentiousness of our great cities. These we have reason to hope, by the unceasing and increasing efforts of christians will be vanquished under the blessed reign of the Prince of peace. Helen left us on Friday we carried her to Amherst where she took the stage for Deerfield while she was here we visited the graves of our dear ones - The grass grows green but they are not there - God is not the God of the dead but of the living for all live to him - blessed words from the blessed Teacher may we all of us believe more firmly all that he has told us and may our obedience prove our sincerity -

Sept 22d. I have been to N— today with Theophilus Walter and Frank - Mr. Ellis' our own minister preached in the morning from Luke 15 - 12th - Father give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. - - - Human beings by their desire to have their own way - and to cast off the restraints of religion show plainly that that their wills are at variance with the divine law - and are not all of us too apt to feel that what God mercifully lends us to be used in his service is our own may I be enabled to examine my own heart and life upon this point - this afternoon text 12th of Romans 3d verse Be not conformed to this world about the middle of sermon there was a cry of fire and the services were closed - two barns were burnt. Mr. Le Clerks and Mr. Stoddard's - They'd had a letter from Frederic going back to Boston middle of this week - last Thursday Mr. H and I dined at Charles'; and drank tea at Doct Porter's - when we got home found Mr and Mrs. Warren - and I drank tea two ~~Friday~~

Sept. 29th Sabbath afternoon. A cold rainy day. all at home. I have been reading the account of the last scenes in the life of Martha Reed. and of her death - What a solemn thing it is to die - and how little in health do we realise it! O my Father make me ~~to~~ be constantly preparing for this change - knowing that it cannot be far distant may I so meditate upon it, and so cherish a growing conformity to thy image and a firm trust in thy mercy and thy promises thro the mediation of thy blessed Son that death when it comes may not be a terror but a welcome release from the sins and sorrows of mortality - and a glorious introduction to the society of the redeemed in heaven. How forcibly do the seasons as they succeed each other bring back the recollections of the loved and departed - may they exert upon us all, their hallowing influences! -

last wednesday forenoon Doct. Perry call'd here with Mrs. Gardner his wife's sister. - ~~Rain~~ ~~the rain prevented any going~~ the evening Theophilus and his wife attended the wedding of Elizabeth Nichols - thursday Miss Adams here staid till Friday night - thursday afternoon Mr Ellis preach'd in Amherst in the evening George Dickinson wife & sister call'd here. - another week our lives and health, and reason have been preserved and what have I done in the service of Jesus Christ - God of my mercies put me into the way of doing something to promote thy kingdom, and hasten the time when Jesus shall reign throughout this world as he now does among the inhabitants of the celestial world

Oct. 6th T. and wife Frank and myself have been to M[eeting] heard our minister speak from these words in the morning - Romans 8th 13th For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die - All who make it their chief aim to gratify the senses are spiritual dead and the longer. they continue in this course the more difficult will it be change it. - but the words admit of a more general application - all who find their chief pleasure in worldly objects in the pursuit of wealth, fame, or amusement, and luxury of any kind may be sure that the spirit the immortal part must perish. this afternoon the text was in Colossians - 3d 23 - And whatsoever ye do do it heartily to the Lord. - we must look to it that our employment is lawful, such as we may ask the Lord to bless and prosper, and then engage in it heartily as under his inspection not heeding the difficulties or hardness of the task - went to Charles' all well - O that their souls may be in health and prosper. - O Lord God why is there such indifference in the hearers of the word - how can they refuse to walk in the way of the Lord - how can they feel at ease while following the world the ways of Zion mourn - we want the Spirit like a mighty rushing wind O give for Jesus sake --

Oct. 13th Sabbath evening – Mr. H and I went with Theophilus and Walter to N—n— Mr
Ellis preach'd in the morning from these words – in Romans 15th, 1st and not to
please ourselves – against the sin of selfishness – our chief endeavour should be
please God – this alone will promote our true happiness – went to Charles,
all well – this afternoon the text was in James 5th 11th we count them happy
which endure – – the trials and sufferings, of this life if rightly improved will
assuredly bring peace and happiness in the end – Mr. H stay'd over to attend
the association. – Father of mercies accompany all the means of religion with
the energy of thy Holy Spirit that many souls may be converted to thee – and
Jesus see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied – O grant me thy cheer
sanctifying grace – and let not unbelief and sin separate between thee and m
soul – last tuesday Mr H. and I went to Deerfield – staid till wednesday after
dinner – came to aunt Dickinson's and drank tea, were much favoured in
our absence return'd in safety and peace. – And now O my soul let me
praise that goodness which crowns my days and gives me still the hope of heaven –

Oct. 14th 1844 I would not let this anniversary pass without notice – earnest prayer should
ever mark these memorable days – my thots have visited the sick and dying be
of our dear Mary – and I have tried to look behind the veil by faith – but in the word
of the hymn sung at her funeral – "In vain our fancy strives to paint the
moment after death" – may the blessed spirit the Comforter, give us such
views and feelings concerning these wonderful subjects, that we may be
prepared to depart and dwell with God and Christ – and all the Redeemed forever.

Oct. 21th Monday – Mr. H – Theodore and wife and I attended worship at N—n yesterday – text in the mor
ing Proverbs – 29th 18th where there is no vision the people perish – this is the case
where the people generally forget God – and despise his law and authority – when
an individual is unmindful of his obligations to his Maker – tho' he may se
under the most powerful means for improvement, there is no vision for hi
he is perishing – in the afternoon text in Mark 10th – – with man it is impossib
but not with God – for with God all things are possible – the necessity of the help
of the holy Spirit – and this is to be sought – by the study of the bible meditatio
and prayer – good faithful searching sermons God grant some effect from these
earnest labours – went to Charles's at noon all well – thanks to our kind preserver – –

Oct. 26th The day when the labouring exhausted spirit of our dear Edward was
released from its distress and we hope was present with the Lord— how frequent
are the calls to be also ready— Our time cannot be long— and yet God is giv=
=ing me health and cheerfulness— satisfaction in the performance of duty— &
the hope of heaven at last— O that I might so serve God and love and follow
Jesus Christ that death may be to me a conquered enemy, or rather as the
appointment of Infinite Love, a welcome Messenger.——
Oct. 27th Thanks to the Giver of all good for another opportunity of serving and worshipping
the Infinite Father in his earthly courts— I was glad this morning to go and join in the
communion of the saints, I was glad to leave the world and its cares and labours
and seek rest and peace and hope, in prayer and praise and devout meditation!
The text all day was in Luke 2d chapter 52d verse. And Jesus increased in wisdom
and stature &c— On the importance of early religious instruction for children— a
most interesting sermon and a most important subject— I could not but feel impress'd
with the idea that the Spirit of God had inclined him to prepare the sermon, &
at the same time that he inclined me to ~~put~~ converse with those female
friends who made us a visit last week— is it presumption— to think that my
poor ignorant erring mind should be under the influence of that Infinite
Spirit which is the Author of all good ~~thoughts~~ words and deeds— may it
be so for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ.— went to Charles's at noon, all
well— he was call'd in the intermission to ~~at~~ attend to Maria Munt's last
requests— O Father receive her departing spirit— Mr. Ellis has invited his
people all to call on him on sabbath evening— as he shall hold himself in
readiness to see them ever on that evening.— Incline many of them I pray thee
to resort thither and find instruction in righteousness.—
Nov. 4th went to N— with Theodore and wife— Mr. H— went over the day before I set out
to go with him but found Theophilus' wife so sick that I staid with her till nine
at night— Mr. Ellis preach'd in the morning from Matthew 18th 20th For where two or
three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.— A sermon
which I should be glad to remember— let me ever realize that Jesus is our Advocate &
unfailing friend— O that this thought may be more constantly present to my mind.— In the af=
=ternoon the Lord's supper was administered— but a depression came over me and I receiv'd
little benefit— Father mark not my sins against me but forgive all thro' Jesus ~~Christ~~

Nov. 13th Last sabbath Mr. Ellis preach'd in the morning from these words in Phillipians - 2d Timothy 2d ch - 3d verse - Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ - a very animating discourse - in the afternoon - the text was in 1st Peter 3 - ch - 4th verse. The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price Peter being naturally of an ardent impetuous temper - knew well the value a meek spirit and also the need of constant effort to preserve it. - Saturday afternoon I walk'd from the bridge to Charles's and staid with them that night, returned after public worship with Theophilus Walter and Frank. - after supper one of Dwig's sermons was read, on these words Go thy way for this time - a most stirring sermon -- O may the spirit of God comfort his children, awake the careless, and go forth with the gospel throughout the world that Jesus may see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied --

Nov. 17th Sabbath evening - Mr. H - and I went with Frank to N - today - Mr Ellis preach'd in the morning from 2d Corinthians 5th ch. 4th verse. that mortality might be swallow'd up of life - funeral sermon occasion'd by the death of Maria Hunt. - The prevalent idea of death, seems not to agree with the idea given in the New Testament it is there represented as an entrance into life. - God grant that we may be so aided by the Holy Spirit, as to form right conceptions of spiritual and eternal objects and so form our characters, that we may meet death with a cheerful hope of entering into life eternal - so did the departed - may we learn to follow those who thro faith and patience inherit the promises. - went to Charles's at noon found all well, were invited to dine there thanksgiving day. ~~had~~ a letter from Frederic among other things stating that he had had a letter from the hired man who lived in the family where they boarded - saying that he had experienced a great change in his mind and heart, which he consider'd as owing to his conversation with him and a book that he gave him - may the Divine Spirit carry on the work unto perfection and multiply the trophies of redeeming mercy in the afternoon the text was in the 12th ch of Romans Patient in tribulation. good - the Lord send the means of instruction home to the hearts of those who heard - after supper heard an excellent sermon of Mr. Greenwood's upon these words this is my beloved Son hear him - we must hear with strong resolution submission attention and reverence - may I remember and profit. -

Hadley Sept. 7th 1845 - Sabbath evening - I have been to N—n today with
Theodore and Frank - heard Mr Ellis preach in the morning from John
16th chapter 33d verse - be of good cheer I have overcome the world, On
christian cheerfulness - there is a great want of this among religious
people - and too much of light hearted merriment occasioned by
ignorance and indifference. The surest way to preserve this
christian cheerfulness - is to make it our chief concern and endeav=
:our to obey the laws of God - and be influenced as much as
possible by the example and Spirit of Christ - if we were as indiffer=
:ent to worldly gain or worldly honour and pleasure, as was
our saviour then might we also possess the spirit of cheerfulness. -
Last sabbath I was in bed sick with Neuralgia and monday unable
to do much - but since that time by the never failing goodness
of God I have been able to do my usual work - what shall I render
to the Lord for all his benefits - thursday I went to N—n with
Eliza - found Charley very comfortable sitting up and able to ride
out - O how earnestly do I pray that his soul may be made
more holy and pure by this sickness - that from this time he
may say from the heart My Father thou art the guide of my
youth. - and may children and father and sister and aunt all fill
the blessed effects of this chastening. - wrote to Frederic by
Amelia G—m - had a bundle from him by Mr Ellis. - O father
forgive the sins of me and all mine and help us to live more
holily and usefully than we ever have before and may thy word
go forth to sanctify and save the world - this afternoon the sacra
:ment of the Lord's supper was administered. -

Sept 14th Sabbath afternoon - It is a rainy day - for which we ought to praise the
Lord - some parts of our country have suffered for want of rain this
summer, and now the springs are low and grinding difficult. but he
is good - he giveth us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons -
fulfilling his promise that seed time and harvest - shall not cease. - -
Last Friday I went with Elizabeth to N—n found Will, threatened with fever
the Lord preserve him and heal him if it may be his will - Charley is gaining
Last night had a letter from Frederic - let me not forget the goodness of God but strive
to serve and please him. and love his [illegible] [illegible]

Sept. 21st Sabbath – A rainy day which the earth and its productions muc
need – tho' it prevents our attendance on the public worship of Go
in his house – the last week my worldly business has been pur
sued with success – health and strength have been given me as I ha
needed – and tho' I have often offended, still my heavenly Father
has not utterly taken away my hope, praised be his goodness.
We have had a letter from Mrs. F. and two from Frederic, all gi
-ving information of their welfare. Truly his mercy endureth forever
I have been reading today an oration delivered on the 4th of July
by Charles Sumner – and am thankful and rejoice that God put
it into his heart to utter such truths before the assembled city –
may the work be circulated widely untill all men and all Nations
may be brot to know and pursue those courses in which
true National Grandeur consists. – O Father hear and forgive in Jesus nam

Sept. 28 – Sabbath evening – Theodore wife and Frank went with me to ch
Mr. H – unwell with a cold – Mr. Hale preached in the morning from
Matthew 19th 17th If thou wilt enter into life keep the commandments –
the young man he said came to Jesus with an idea of purchas
-ing eternal life – this can never be done by sinful mortals but
by devotion to God and duty he enters, that life which is purcha
-sed and offered on this condition only – this afternoon the
sermon was upon the narration of the unjust steward the chil
-dren of this world are wiser in their generation than the
children of light – we should not imitate the worldly in their
sin – but in their zeal and forethought in pursuing earthly
objects we may take an example from them to prompt u
to earnestness and diligence to make such use of all sensi
-ble and sensual objects that we may at length be received
among the children of light to everlasting habitations –
went to Charles' at noon, Willis not quite as well as he was
yesterday – O Father lay thine healing hand upon him if it
please thee – and by this sickness may his heart be made
better and the hearts and lives of all the family be lastingly
improved by these repeated afflictions. pardon O God of merc
this days sins and help us all to be more watchful and
faithful in time to come. hear O Father in the name of thy
Son all the prayers of thy people and revive thy work and
save sinners, every where.

Oct 5th Another rainy sabbath – Mr. H – taking medicine for pain in h
hip – last week thursday I walked to [illegible] dined and drank tea

It had been long since they were here before — the children having been unwell. — I would thank the goodneſs which opens for us so many fountains of enjoyment. — O that I might serve him in such a manner here, that when death comes, it may bring us to the great company of the redeem'd in heaven. — Much is printed with regard to the threatening aspect of our public national affairs — Our rulers seem to delight in war — but Almighty Power is stronger than human might, and can with a word overturn all the counsels of the wicked — may his wisdom direct the course of events in such a manner as to bring good out of evil and order out of confusion. Heavenly Father arouse thy children to use all poſsible means to prevent this great calamity — that peace and liberty may yet reign in our land, and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. —

Feb. 15th 1846. Sabbath day — Since the 15th of Jan. I have been shut up with a disease in the throat, caused by a severe cold, called Subacute Bronchitis — two or three weeks were made very uncomfortable to me by fever and inceſsant coughing, with painful remedies — such as blistering, salivation by mercury &c — but thro' the goodneſs of God which has never ceased to watch over me and preserve me, I still live and am apparently coming back again into life. I would notice with peculiar emotions among the many circumstances, which conspired to alleviate the sufferings of my condition — our dear son F— was called to take a journey this way, and for nearly a week I was indulged with frequent interviews with him, besides hearing some of his sermons, and joining with him in prayer — and receiving repeated testimonials of his kindneſs and affection, which seems never to have diminished, since the loving season of infancy and youth. And so may I bear witneſs to the kindneſs of my other children — It was so ordered by a kind providence and the unwearied care and contrivance of my dear children that every attention was shewn me and every want supplied by those dear ones in the house, and when this became no longer poſsible our dear B— from N— was able to come and devote herself wholly to me and my wants. — And now I am able to walk about the house and do some light work - . When I first became prostrated by disease, I considered it not at all unlikely, that it would terminate in death. I have lived a long life - and have long been endeavouring to consider my time as almost spent - so that I might not be surprised at the approach of death - I would consider it as only a short reprieve - and if the Lord hath any work for me to do, I pray that he may put it into my hands, and help me to do it with my might; above all may my soul be purified by this chastening, so that the summons when it comes, may bring me home to my heavenly Father's house. And why should I doubt or be afraid - he has carried me all my life long, during my sickness granted me to see another birthday and has awakened within me those desires after holiness which I must hope belong to his children. And now I would give up all to him again and forever.

March 16th Monday - It is a month since I wrote before - In that time I have spent a week at Charles', - and the rest of the time have been keeping house - a week ago last Friday J. and E left us for a visit to Roxbury, Boston, Worcester, and Hartford - took the stage at Amherst, and the cars at Palmer. we hope to see them tomorrow A fortnight ago yesterday we attended worship at Northampton and partook of the Lords supper - since that we have not been over on the sabbath - yesterday the riding was bad - and the week before Mr. H. not very well - I was sorry not to go, as Mr. Sears from Deerfield preached - last week we drank tea at brothers, and ~~Ka~~ the week before, at Capt. Elijah Smiths. Thro' the mercy of God my strength has increased considerably and were it not that a pain somewhat like the cholic troubles me almost constantly when I am about house on my feet - I might call myself well. - We are poor helpless unworthy children of the heavenly Father; may I have an unwearying conviction and persuasion, that his dealings are all designed for good, and that he does not willingly afflict nor grieve the children of men - may he so suit his dealings to my case that I may learn heavenly wisdom by my late and present sufferings, especially that light may attend my path thro' the little of mortal life that remains, and bring me thro' faith in Jesus the great captain of salvation to the blessed presence of Him who is the portion & joy of all his followers - to him may I now and ever ascribe the glory and the dominion and the service which belong to him, thro' his beloved Son - our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

with Charles and Bethia.— Mr. H— went over before night and brot me home.— Milly had the measles in addition to the fever, but was getting better.— the others well— Theodore his wife and her mother gone to hear Mr. Beman.— Dwight Smith who has been so long deranged is to be buried this afternoon.— The last week my health has been increased and strength— so that labour is rather an amusement— but above all God giveth me cheerfulness— light in my soul— a hope in his mercy— and frequent thots and desires toward him, for this as for the greatest and best of blessings I desire to offer my devout thanksgiving to my Father in heaven thro' the intercession of Jesus Christ whom he always heareth.— last thursday Mr. Ellis was married at nine o'clock in the morning to Gertrude Blake. May the divine Spirit make the connection subserve the great interests of Christ's kingdom, and the salvation of sinners.

Oct 19th— Today Mr. H— went with me to N—n Mr. Ellis preach'd in the morning from Matthew 10th— I came not to send peace but a sword the truth if spoken and acted will excite opposition christianity has hardly begun her work— even christians are afraid to have people disturbed by presenting the strictness of the requirements of the gospel— but the sword of the spirit must be wielded and vice and sin rebuked and when these are subdued the world will be at peace— went to Charles's found Mary not well but gaining— the others comfortable. this afternoon the text was in Phillippians 3d 1st those things which are above— God— duty— immortality— these ideas seem to be a part of our very nature— and these we should cherish On wednesday I went with Theodore his wife and Mrs Sumner to Charles's,— they went to the Hall— and I went to stay with Bethia— all dined there— Mary unwell quite feverish During the last week the evil spirits have been at work— and harmony and peace disturbed— and I have had hard work to bear up— so it is a chequered scene— Lord save me from the evil and blot out my sins, bring me nearer to thee thro' Jesus Christ

Sabbath Nov. 23d 1845- Mrs. Fisher came last night from Boston on her wa
home- brot good tidings from our son and other friends- we are spending
the day at home-- the Lord keep us from sin. a week ago today Bethi
and Milly left us having been here a week- I would give thanks to
God the Author of all our mercies for the pleasing intercourse of that
week- we had also a meeting of the family from Northam- they all
came over and dined with us- and we had a kind of thanksgivi
for the recovered health of the children- God grant that the impr
=sions made on their minds during the period of sickness and anxiet
may never be effaced-- Our dear Frederic has invited us to keep
the coming festival with him- may it not be a season of sens
al enjoyment merely- but may our intercourse together be spi
=ritual and elevating to our better natures.- and may the day be ob
=served by all with becoming solemnity devotion and gratitude.-
Surely the mercy of the Lord endureth forever- O that these merci
may lead our hearts to a more entire confidence in him, and
submission to his will so that when death comes, as it must very soo
our departure may be peaceful and our eternity blessed- may thi
season bring to our minds the dear departed and quicken us in ou
preparation to meet them joyfully among the redeemed in heaven-
thro' the intercession of our glorious and ever living advocate, and mighty

Dec. 6th- Saturday evening- Safely carried out and brot back as in the
arms of an Almighty Friend- On the evening previous to thanksgiv
day, we reached Boston, and there found our son ~~wa~~ watch
=ful waiting for us, to take us home- and who gave us our
kind children- and who led our steps all the way of our pilgrim
=age- who placed this son where he is, and gave him talents
and a disposition to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ
I would praise the Author of all my blessings that he has grante
us the favour to hear him preach- on thanksgiving day his te
was in the 4th Psalm- there be many who say who will shew
us any good-- After describing the various complaints of the
disappointed, and the cause of their failure- he enumera
in a very ~~interesting~~ manner ~~the~~ some of the blessings and
privileges peculiar to the different stages of our progress thro' this lif
from infancy to old age- shewing that every part of our lives testi
abundantly to the goodness of our Father in heaven, and shew ~~the~~

what a debt of gratitude we owe to him - and this gratitude
should be manifested on this occasion, especially by contributing
freely to the the relief and comfort of the needy and neglected -
On the sabbath we attended worship both parts of the day - in the
morning the sermon was upon these words, the goodness of God leadeth thee
to repentance - in the afternoon - Almost thou persuadest me to be a
christian - the congregation is very large - and very attentive, I would
offer my thanksgiving to Him who givest us all our blessings that
I have been permitted again to hear the voice of this dear
child warning and inviting encouraging and persuading his
people, with earnest prayers also, to become followers of
God as dear children and disciples of the great master -
may the Holy Spirit make all his labours effectual for
this blessed end - - on Tuesday we came home meeting T. G.
and his wife at Palmer - it certainly should fill us with
love and thankfulness that we in our old age have been able
in to take this journey, and that we find ourselves so comfortable
after it - God grant his blessing upon our son who showed us so
much kind attention while we were with him - upon the
work which he is doing upon his wife and the little one
and prepare us all for the higher and purer services of his eter-
nal kingdom thro' Jesus our Lord who is worthy to receive glory
and honor in the church forever - amen -
Saturday evening Dec. 20th Last sabbath we staid at home on account of
the storm - another weeks blessings should awaken new gratitude to our
untiring Preserver; and another weeks sins should humble us exceedingly
before Him in whose sight the heavens are not clean - thro' the week
I have felt a sense of fear, and distance from him whose presence alone
giveth peace - and yet my offenses have been multiplied - so it will
ever be; our sins grieve away the blessed comforter - and mourning becomes
us - but our help must come from Him whom we have offended - I would
thank him that he still continues to me his holy influence, to urge me
to prayer - he inclines me to cry to him out of the depths of my soul - and he
has in some instances heard my prayer and strengthened my faith, and enlight-
my darkness - to him be the praise thro' Jesus his beloved Son -

Saturday evening - Jan. 3d 1846 - Another year has fled from us forever, and for our good or evil deeds during its progress - we must render up our account -. Wednesday evening our minister invited us to hear a sermon on the departing year - his text was taken from the 25th chapter of Matthew - a chapter which contains perhaps as much solemn truth as any in the new Testament - the words were there "the door was shut!" - He presented the idea in a manner suited to arouse to consideration the thoughtless, the worldly and those who are dead in trespasses and sins - but who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? - The Spirit of God must give the increase - or Paul and Apollos may plant and water in vain How much we need that our Master should breathe on us that we may receive the Holy Ghost - not the power to work miracles but the will and the power to walk in his steps, and rejoice in his light. - The last year has been signally marked with temporal blessings for us and ours - life precious life has been spared, tho' in some cases imminently in danger - - may these lives so mercifully preserved be anew and more wholly devoted to their heavenly Father - so that whether we live or die we may be the Lord's!

Sabbath evening Jan 11th: Today I am kept at home by a heavy cold, which since thursday night has prevented my usual labours - it is now getting better, and I would send up a devout thanksgiving to him still preserves me in this mortal life - and gives me such multiplied blessings to enjoy - with a capacity to enjoy them Lord help me ever to trust that goodness which has been all my life long extended to me, and never to forfeit these favours by a sinful distrust of thy mercy. - Thursday I received a letter to send to F - we called at Giles; and found Francis in a dying state - May the Father of mercies stand by them all in this the time of their need. and may all mourners be comforted. - Friday forenoon Charles brot over B - and the children to spend the day - It was a pleasant interview tho' I was not well - it seemed to refresh my spirit

March 29th 1846 - A week ago I was so unwell that it was thought best for B- to be sent for - and she came over with T. and wife - and has been here till today - when she went back - with Theodore and Helen - who attended worship there today. Theodore went after Helen Friday, as I was not well enough to do my work - and we hope she will be able to assist. Warnings of my approaching change are frequent - and I have had today things spoken which should humble me in the dust, enough to take away all hope that I am any thing but a hypocrite and self deceiver O thou searcher of hearts, my condition is perfectly known to thee, wicked as I am, thou knowest that I hate every evil and false way - Pardon me all my aggravated sins - and give me the Spirit of Jesus to help my infirmities, that I may no more offend. - I would notice with gratitude thy great kindness, in granting me the privilege of B's company and help - all the comforts I enjoy come from thy merciful hand - O be pleased to work repentance in my heart and reformation in my life - that discord and sin may cease - T. and E - came home march 19th -.

May 24th It is now about two months since I have been laid aside from active business - tho' during that time I have made four shirts, beside some other work, that I could do lying on the bed - for this I am thankful and also that I have had so many intervals of comparative ease, in the midst of so much pain and suffering - - The house of God I have not visited for nearly three months - may I not consider it a rebuke for ~~my~~ mis improvement of my sabbaths in time past. but the mercy of the Lord endureth for ever - his provision for me since my sickness has been most remarkable - Charles' domestic affairs have been so arranged, that our dear Bethia my stay and staff, and precious earthly comfort has been with me ever since the second week in April - what shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits? I pray that he would give me patience to bear with christian submission all the suffering he shall lay upon me, and make it of some benefit. to my soul - may my views of spiritual truth be more impressive correct, and comforting and if it please him to remove this disease and restore me to health, may it be to serve him better than I have ever before done - and the closing scene shall come, may I find that it was not in vain that these sufferings were laid upon me.. Hear me O Father in the great Redeemer's name, in these my requests and remember in mercy all that I love, and revive thy work, and spread the gospel thro' the earth, and thine shall be the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever, and ever, amen -

Hadley Nov. 1st 1846 – Sabbath afternoon. More than five months have gone by, since I have made a record on this paper – and during that time my prospect for recovery has been unpromising – much of the time I seemed to be suspended between life and death with a mere possibility of living but a short time – but that God and Father who has so many times brot me up from the borders of the grave, has in a measure check'd the disease, and given to a wonderful degree efficacy to the means used, so that from a state of entire prostration, I am brot to move about the house and partake with my friends of the family refreshments – am again permitted to join in family worship and in the sacred song of praise to our unwearied and never failing friend. The lessons which I should learn from this long season of suffering and pain are many, but without the aid of the Holy Spirit they will be useless – I ask most earnestly that his influence may be imparte to help me in every future action of my life. am I again to gain strength for active duty and usefulness? – For such a blessing O thou God of grace and mercy prepare me, that every thot word and deed may be such as thou wilt approve. And to this end, may the thot of Jesus, his unspeakable compassion, his gentleness, patience, submission to the Father's will, his ardor in doing good, and his self sacrificing spirit, ever be present to my mind that my lips may utter words of instruction and sober truth whic may be profitable to those about me – O thou Author of all good desir and righteous deeds, suffer me not to come back to the world & its cares and labours and enjoyments, forgetful of this solemn discipline which I have received – but in all respects, may it be manifest, that it has not been in vain that I have been afflicted –
And I ask also that my dear friends who have so untiringly and tenderly watched over me and cared for me, may be abundantly rewarded for their labours – hear, answer, and forgive, in the name of our mighty Advocate Jesus Christ the righteous, and cause that his gospel ~~may~~ sanctify and save all the inhabitants of this sinful world. –

Sabbath afternoon Nov. 22d – T and wife and B – gone to N–n this afternoon – my eyes are inflamed and I cannot use them much – may the Holy Spirit help me to such thots as may increase my love to God and his blessed son, and my prayer for the advancement of the kingdom of righteousness and peace through out the world-

Nov. 29th- Sabbath afternoon. Last thursday was a day of thanksgiving in this state and I believe in thirteen other states- Charles and his little flock were invited and dined with us- all excepting Fanny who is in Cambridge- Theophilus and his family are boarding with Theodore a week to give his wife a resting time. Just before sunset we all assembled and sung a hymn- and Charles and his family returned home. We felt as if our obligations to gratitude were never greater or more numerous than at this time- for myself I seem to have been brott back from the very borders of the grave- and tho' still weak and diseased, there seems to be some amendment from one month to another. It is my daily enquiry how I may make some returns for all these benefits- Lord teach me thy truth and lead me in thy way- that this chastening may not be in vain. And when the hour of departure shall come- let me be ready, and without terror and dismay, be pleased to take me home to thyself- Theophilus and B. gone to N-n this afternoon, Theodore and wife at North-Hadley morning and afternoon.

Christmas eve. Tomorrow is to be celebrated by many as the birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God grant to me more realizing views of this glorious Being, that I may render to him the love and homage which is his due- God only knows how cold and dead are my affections toward him- may the Holy Spirit the Comforter come and abide with me that my services may be more acceptable. Mr. H- and B- Theodore and his wife gone to drink tea with Charles, and attend Mr. Ellis' lecture this evening-. Theophilus- his wife and Helen went over this afternoon returned half past seven. The weakness and pain of this frail body still keep me from the house of God- but I have a hope that I may again visit his temple and bring my thank-offering to his courts.- praised be his goodness, that so many comforts surround me, and for the variety of enjoyments which he allows me- all, all, comes from him and may his name have the glory.-. And may my prayer that Jesus may reign thro' the earth in all hearts, mingle with the prayers of multitudes who are worshipping at this time and reach the ear of a prayer hearing and prayer answering Father thro' the intercess of his beloved Son--

Jan. 9th 1847- The last sabbath, was with me a memorable day- for about ten months I have been under the power of disease, which has prevented my attending public worship- but on that day I was able

to go to the Lord's house and offer my thanksgivings to him
who in such a degree has rebuked my malady; and allowed me
again to stand before him in his temple. It was the first sab-
bath in the new year. and the death of our Lord Jesus Christ
was commemmorated- many circumstances then conspired to
make the occasion, one of uncommon interest- and such it
was indeed to me. The instructions and the prayers of our
minister were remarkably adapted to the occasion, and
tho' I cannot retain in my memory a very exact idea of
what I heard, still it was sweet to my taste and I hope
may be profitable to reflect upon. The year that is gone ha
been marked with much suffering in my own person-
calling for great exertion and patience in my husband and
daughter, which has been most kindly and promptly render
added to these many kind friends have shewn attentions an
rendered services which call for the deepest gratitude to them
and to him, from whom come all good desires and worth
deeds- What will be the result of this visitation is all uncer-
tain; I am yet far from health of body; my great desire is
that my soul may prosper and be in health, and tho' the
outward man fail that the inward man may be renewed
day by day. Tuesday we met at Theophilus' Doct.
Porter's and Caroline- they also expected Charles but he was
detained by business.- God of mercy hear me and gran
me pardon and peace thro' Jesus the Son of thy love. Amen

Tuesday evening- Jan. 19th Last sabbath Theodore Helen & B. went
to Northampton, I stayd to take care of Marie. Had there
been a conveyance I might have gone also. I hope I am than
ful for the many blessings I enjoy especially that I am not
plunged in the depths of despair, and tho' I suffer in my
body, my mind is generally clear and my feelings undis-
turbed. For these and all blessings I would praise the good-
ness of God which never fails- and pray that thro' sufferin
I may be made perfect.-